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The Collins Line of Steamers—A Calculation—Withdrawal of Appointments—The Tariff Project.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1855.

Within a few days Congress will be called upon to decide the fate of the Collins Line, which has shed so much honor upon the American name—to decide whether the faith of the Government is to be broken with a worthy citizen who has redeemed, tenfold, the promises he made it, when he entered into a contract which is now sought to be annulled. And, strange to say, the apologists for the violation of this contract, have endeavored to satisfy Congress that considerations of economy demand the action they propose! This pretext of economy, too, finds its most powerful coadjutor in the suggestion that the Collins Line is a local affair, kept up for the benefit of New-York—and of New-York alone.

I have no idea of following the example of the opponents of the Collins Line, and resorting to the system of bullying and threats sometimes brought up to frighten honest men into what the bullies choose to call economy. But there are one or two suggestions to be made in reply to this economic and to this local argument, which seem to me to be quite conclusive against them; and I propose to state them briefly. If gentlemen who have votes to give on this subject see any error in my argument, of course they will not be influenced by it; but if the suggestions recommend themselves to their judgment, they will be none the less valuable because of their origin.

First upon the question of economy. Is it a great sum which is paid to the Collins Line? Let us see. When Mr. Collins entered into his contract with the Government, the time of the Cunarders' trips was from thirteen to fifteen days. Now the time between New-York and Liverpool is about ten days. Thus a saving of time is effected on each trip of from three to five days. "Time is money," as we shall clearly see before I finish. The movement of produce between the United States and Europe amounts to over $500,000,000 per annum. The Liverpool steamers don't carry this produce, but they do carry the letters advising of the exportation, the purchases and sales and the bills of exchange which pass between the Old World and the New, in consequence of this produce movement. The merchant and the capitalist saves the interest of his money just as surely when he leaves of the time when he can have it to use, or will have it to pay, as he does by getting it in his hands a few days earlier than expected.

Now, if Collins has reduced the time occupied in these transatlantic money transactions *two days*, only, he saves on fifty-two voyages 104 days per annum—and, of course, he saves to the merchants and capitalists—and the great producing interests of which they are merely the commercial agents or brokers—the interest for 104 days on $500,000,000. This gives, as the result, the saving of $9,000,000 per annum! Is it liberal—is it generous—is it honest to violate faith with one who has achieved even this single result, and to withhold from him the comparative pittance he receives as his share of the immense profits which the country reaps from his energy and enterprise and skill? Let it be remembered that this nine millions is the *actual saving* of time which before was wasted absolutely.

But if we make a similar computation upon the basis of *five* days' time saved on each trip, instead of two, we have as the result the saving of 260 days' interest, amounting to $23,000,000! Mr. Collins is continually improving his ships; and it is his intention, as soon as Congress shall have evidenced its determination to sustain him, to construct another ship which shall cross the Atlantic in eight days only. If he succeeds—and his record gives us high promise that he will not fail—it will not be many years before a nine days' passage in any vessel, of any line, will be deemed a relic of old fogydom. This would give us a saving of *seven* days' time over the old fifteen day trips, the interest upon which will amount, in round numbers, to the enormous sum of $30,000,000!—one half of which, at least, would inure to the benefit of the United States. Is it wise to rudely check an enterprise which has performed so well, and which promises so much? It seems to me such a course would be as unwise as it would be illiberal and unjust.

A word upon the local objection. The argument presented above fully answers it, and shows that the interests of each and every branch of human industry—agriculture, manufactures, mining and arts—greatly profit by the saving of time effected through the direct instrumentality of the Collins ships. The South is said to be arrayed against the line, as a New-York enterprise, for the benefit of the North alone! Is it not manifest that no other single industrial interest shares so largely in the benefits accruing from the Collins enterprise, in the economy of time, as does the great cotton-planting interest? And Virginia, too, with her immense tobacco export, derives advantage enough through this means, almost of itself, to afford the cost at which our Government has established and maintains the Collins Line. And so the argument may be applied, with more or less force, to every part of the land.

In considering the question of economy, I have said nothing of the millions saved us by the Postal Treaties negotiated by the American line of steamers, when diplomacy had signally failed. I have said nothing of the saving of time to travelers—no, nor of that which might be counted by thousands per annum—nothing of the saving of insurance, or of the great advantages resulting from the popularization of Ocean steam travel, which has led to such very frequent intercommunication, and given us a ferry across the sea with the regularity almost of the ferry to Brooklyn or Jersey City. These are all arguments which will naturally obtrude themselves upon the mind of every thinking man, and impress themselves with the unyielding force of truth. If intelligent deliberation and sound reason can prevail, I can have no single doubt of the triumph of the Collins Line here, and of its continued triumphs in the world's marine.

The withdrawal from the Senate of the nomination of John B. Miller, of Utica, to be Secretary of Legation at Lima, Peru, was brought about by John C. Mather, Senators Douglas and Bright, and other prominent Nebraska men, who resisted the appointment very strenuously upon the ground that Miller is an Anti-Nebraska man, and assisted in getting up some remonstrances against that measure. Mr. Miller is a first cousin, by marriage, to Hon. Horatio Seymour, upon whose application the nomination was made. Of course, its withdrawal will sever the last tie between the Seymour Anti-Nebraska men of New-York and the Administration.

Although the Tariff project is dead as a herring, duty compels a reference to the course pursued by the Massachusetts delegation yesterday, when the effort to take it up was made. If you will notice the Yeas and Nays you will perceive that every representative of the Bay State, save Mr. Cushing, voted with the Free-Traders to go into Committee to take up the Tariff question. Of course, once under consideration, the Free-Traders could have carried almost any modification of the Tariff of 1846 which they might have deemed it prudent to move. The votes of the seven Massachusetts men carried Houston's motion to go into Committee, but the Pennsylvania men were sharper, and when they got into Committee successfully sprung a trap, and took up the General Appropriation bill against Free-Traders and Massachusetts combined.

What was the object of this course on the part of Massachusetts? One of the delegates from that State went to Mr. Purviance of North Carolina, and told him that now the South, by going with him, had the opportunity to "set itself right" on the Tariff! What is the meaning of all this? I think the action of the Massachusetts men was based upon a mistaken idea that the Free-Traders would faithfully *carry out* a bargain to cheapen wool to the Eastern manufacturer, and not damage the cotton interests. Even if an arrangement of this sort, on the part of Massachusetts, could be deemed fair towards her sister Anti-Free-Trade States, it was a dangerous experiment to try; and had the bill been once fairly before the House, I fear they would have found themselves sold as completely as were the thirteen Anti-Nebraska men in the House last Summer, who by a single vote with the friends of that measure yielded up their defences to the Compromise breakers, and so inevitably lost the battle.

It will be seen that I was not so much mistaken as to the strength of the Texas debt bill in the House as some of our good friends supposed. Before the bill was taken up yesterday, its friends boasted of at least 30 or 40 majority for it. The Yeas and Nays opened their eyes, and showed the danger of despising their opponents, and of overrating their own strength. A little concession to what they supposed to be a powerless minority would probably have saved the bill. The engineering of such a measure through Congress requires great prudence, circumspection and judgment on the part of the engineer. S.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS....Second Session.

SENATE.... WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Mr. Sumner presented the credentials of Gen. Wilson, Senator elect from Massachusetts, who appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

The Secretary of the Treasury sent in a communication declaring the fineness and value of certain gold foreign coins, as ascertained at the mint.

Mr. Rusk presented the petition of George H. Gridiro, praying for an increase of compensation for carrying the United States Mail.

Mr. Seward gave notice that he should soon introduce divers bills for improvements in harbors, &c.

THE INDIAN BOUNTY LAND BILL.

The original bill granting pensions and bounty land to the Seneca Indians was amended, on the motion of Mr. Brown, by striking out all reference to persons, and extending the benefits of the bill to all Indians who have served in the United States Army in time of war.

The bill was then passed as amended.

NATURALIZATION.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wis., presented the Joint Resolutions of the Legislature of Wisconsin, instructing their Senators, and requesting their Representatives, to oppose any extension of the term now required by law for the naturalization of foreigners. Five hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

COINAGE EXPENSES.

Mr. Benjamin introduced an order to ascertain the difference of the expense in the coinage of silver at the mints of New-Orleans and Philadelphia.

IMPROVEMENTS ON LAKES.

The bill to continue the improvements on the Lakes, appropriating half a million therefor, was taken up.

Mr. Hunter objected, because it gave too wide discretion to the President.

Mr. Stuart replied that the details of any bill always required more or less discretion. He thought a hundred thousand dollars as much as could be properly expended on Lake Erie in any one year.

This bill appropriates $100,000 each for Lakes Superior, Ontario, Erie and Michigan; $100,000 for Lakes Huron and St. Clair together, and $125,000 for Lake Champlain.

It was argued that the Secretary of War, the officer in charge of these improvements, would have too much discretionary power, but it was answered that he had only to apply the money judiciously, and was not to judge of the constitutionality of the appropriation.

On this point the debate was carried on by Messrs. Walker, Hunter, Clayton, Bayard, Stuart, Rusk and Seward—the last submitting an amendment, including the Buffalo, Oswego, Dunkirk, Rochester, Sodus and Little Sodus Bays, those of Conneaut and Cleveland, Ohio, and of Burlington, Vt., as well as all the other lakes and harbors in the States which were mentioned in the bill vetoed last year.

Mr. Chase, of Ohio, though he was a friend to these improvements, did not want to enter a vain contest. Such a bill would not meet Executive approval. By putting meritorious cases with those which would not get Executive sanction, all would be lost.

Mr. Pratt, of Maryland, suggested an amendment limiting the appropriations to the work already commenced, as that would obviate the constitutional objection which had been made.

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, said that would not remove another objection—the according of legislative power to the Executive—and moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, with instructions to report specific appropriations. Agreed to by Yeas 24, Nays 17.

Sundry bills from the House of Representatives were then received and referred to appropriate committees, with the exception of that proposing to divide the State of Illinois into two judicial districts, which was discussed and passed.

One or two bills were then detected on their passage a second time, and some of the Senators thought there must be a serious loss somewhere in the management of the receiving officers.

LAND SPECULATION IN KANSAS.

Mr. Mallory, of Fla., offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for copies of the correspondence between the Secretaries of War and Interior, respecting the claim advanced by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the military reservation, Fort Leavenworth, together with the result of his investigation of the alleged interference of certain army officers, stated in the recent report of said commissioner, with the rights of the Delaware Indians. Adopted.

NAVAL WORKS AT PENSACOLA.

A resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. Morton, calling on the Secretary of the Navy for copies of the agreement made with Messrs. Everett & Brown, and Gilbert & Brooks, contractors, in reference to the testing of the balance dock, railway and basin at the Pensacola Navy-Yard. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 10.

The House passed a bill appropriating $60,000 for the building or purchase of four additional revenue cutters.

The House went into Committee on private bills.

ANOTHER PATENT EXTENSION BILL LOST.

The bill for the relief of Messrs. Moore & Hascall, proposing to extend their patent for their harvesting machine was then considered. Messrs. Tracy, Stuart, of Mich., McMullen, Bridges, Hughes and Clark, spoke in favor of it, and Messrs. Sage, Benton, Perkins, (N. Y.,) Goode and Lyon against it, when the bill was reported to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out. This was concurred in by a vote of 90 against 56, and the bill was thus rejected. Adjourned.

Confirmations by the Senate—Gen. Wilson in the Senate—U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Leonidas Martein, of Alabama, Consul for Mazatlan, Mexico, *vice* Gatton, deceased. W. W. Banks, of Virginia, Consul to Aguas Calientes, Mexico.

For New-Orleans, Thomas C. Porter, Collector; William E. Sparks, Surveyor; Francois Leach, Appraiser; Wm. P. Reynolds, Assistant Appraiser. H. W. Moreland, Assistant Collector at Yorktown, Va., *vice* Barziza, resigned, John McClintock, Naval Officer, Portsmouth, N. H.; Joseph Ramsey, Collector, Plymouth, N. C.; A. D. Banks, Collector at Petersburg, Va.; and W. M. Harrison, Collector at Richmond, Va.

When Gen. Wilson, the new Senator from Massachusetts, came into the Senate to-day, Mr. Clayton, Whig Know-Nothing, got him into a vacant seat on the Whig side of the Senate. Messrs. Sumner and Chase made a desperate effort to get him into the Free Soil locality. Matters were finally compromised by Mr. Wilson taking Mr. Atchison's vacant seat, alongside of Sam, anti-Nebraski Know-Nothing.

The following cases will come up for trial in the Supreme Court this week:

Monday, 12th—No. 44, The United States *vs.* Ritchie.

Wednesday, 14th—No. 68, Warner *vs.* Truly.

Thursday, 15th—No. 70, Wilson *vs.* The Steamer *Palmetto*. No. 71, Barling *vs.* The Steamer *Palmetto*.

Friday, 16th—No. 72, J. C. Fremont *vs.* The United States.

United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Hon. S. Cameron was nominated by the American Caucus as their candidate for United States Senator, at 11½ o'clock this morning.

On the fifth ballot Cameron had 46 votes; scattering 46—being one ballot more than there were voters present,—and much excitement ensued.

On the sixth ballot, Cameron had 45; Curtin, 46; scattering, 1. A fraudulent ballot was, therefore, again deposited, defeating the nomination of Mr. Curtin. Another row took place, and numerous members bolted.

On the seventh ballot Cameron had 44; Curtin 11, and Fuller 2.

Great numbers having left the Caucus, a resolution was adopted making the nomination unanimous.

A row is anticipated on Tuesday, when both Houses meet to proceed to the election.

Masonic Elections—The Knight Templars and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New-York.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 10.

The Grand Encampment of Knight Templars, at their annual session at Albany, have elected Sir John W. Simons, of New-York City, as the Grand Master of the Order; Sir Ralph Murphy, of Lockport, D. G. M.; G. C. Sherman, of Watertown, Generalissimo; Leroy Farham, Captain General; Rev. Salem Town, Grand Prelate; Peter Brewer, of Utica, Grand Sentinel; T. C. Edwards, of Elmira, Grand Junior Warden; I. S. Perry, Grand Treasurer; Rob. Macoy, of New-York City, Grand Recorder; W. H. Drew, Grand Standard Bearer; ——— Graves, Grand Sword Bearer; M. J. Drummond, of New-York City, Grand Warder.

The election for officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New-York took place at Albany on Wednesday, Feb. 7, when the following gentlemen were chosen for the present year: John S. Perry, Esq., of Troy, Grand High Priest; Charles L. Church, Esq., of New-York, Deputy Grand High Priest; Peter P. Murphy, Esq., M. D., of Lockport, Grand King; Sylvester Gilbert, Esq., of Ogdensburg, Grand Scribe; John O. Cole, Esq., of Albany, Grand Secretary; Wm. Seymour, Esq., of Albany, Grand Treasurer; Rev. Salem Town, of Aurora, Grand Chaplain; Rev. and Hon. William Goodwin, of Geneva, Associate Chaplain; Jesse P. Mitchell, of Albany, Associate Marshal; John Pierce, of Albany, Associate Sentinel. Sewal F. Fish, Esq., of New-York, was appointed Grand Lecturer. The representation was unusually large.

Passage of the Prohibitory Liquor Law by the Illinois Legislature, &c.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Feb. 10.

The prohibitory liquor law bill was returned by the Senate to the House of Assembly, with amendments. The amendments were concurred in, and the bill finally passed, by a vote of Ayes, 51; Nays, 17.

Resolutions were passed instructing Senators in Congress from this State to oppose any Slave States being formed in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

The Recent Fire in New-Orleans—Execution of a Murderer.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Feb. 10.

New-Orleans papers of Friday and Saturday last are received.

The loss by the destruction of Twibill & Edwards' foundry, and H. L. Stone & Co.'s grocery warehouse in New-Orleans, amounted to $150,000.

William Young was hung in New-Orleans for the murder of his child. He had cut his throat a day or two previous to his execution, and when taken to the gallows he was in a dying condition.

Charleston Races.

CHARLESTON, Friday, Feb. 9.

In the two mile race to-day, *Rough and Ready* won the first heat, and *Maid of Orleans* the second and third. The time was 3:46, 3:49 and 3:53.

A three-mile race came off here to-day, for a purse of six hundred dollars between *Brown Dick*, *Mary Taylor*, *Highlander*, *Equinox* and *Patsey O'Reilly*. *Brown Dick* was the winner in two straight heats. Time—3:42 and 3:40.

Another race then came off—a single dash of three miles—in which *Little Archie* won.

Expedition Against Cuba.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Feb. 9.

A portion of an expedition against Cuba is understood to have left this and other Southern ports during the past few days, and the remainder are to follow shortly. The total enlistment in this enterprise, it is said, reaches 3,500 men. The proceedings have been conducted with the greatest secrecy, and we are unable to gather any further particulars.

Death of an Old Printer—An Editor Assaulted.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Mr. Henry Rogers, an old and highly respected printer, and father of the proprietors of the Boston *Journal* of this city, died last night.

S. K. Head, publisher of the *Life's in Boston*, was assaulted and badly beaten in Howard-street, last night, by David Vanderbeck, doorkeeper at the Circus here. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The deaths in the city for the week ending to-day have been 70, of which 18 were from consumption.

Operatic Movements.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 10.

The last evening performance of the Greiss and Marini Opera Troupe took place last night before an immense audience, and at the fall of the curtain Madame Greiss was nearly buried in bouquets. Such a frenzy of excitement has been seldom witnessed in this city.

We have a beautiful day here, and the sleighing was never better.

Murder of a Toll-Gate Keeper.

GOODSPEEDS, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Mr. Whitson, keeper of a toll-gate near Antwerp, was murdered on Thursday night in his own house. The assassin escaped.

The Weather in the South.

COLUMBIA, Friday, Feb. 9.

Mobile papers of Tuesday last are at hand, but the New-Orleans mail has not arrived.

The weather in Mobile was unusually severe, and in Columbus and Aberdeen, Miss., unprecedented snow-storms had occurred.

Arrival of the Florida at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Saturday, Feb. 10.

The steamship *Florida*, from New-York, arrived at this port at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Arrival of the Steamship Marion at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Saturday, Feb. 10.

The steamship *Marion*, from New-York, arrived here this afternoon.

STATE AFFAIRS.

THE DESERTED CAPITAL.

LETTER FROM MR. SEWARD

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

THE INDIAN TREATIES.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 10, 1855.

The Legislature holds no session to-day—the halls, deserted save by the pages and the vendors of apples, show little trace of the active life that thronged the capital, and like an invading army kept possession of the public places for so many days preceding the late election of Senator. Members have gone home to meet the approbation or the denunciation of their constituents; some to recover from the struggle past, and some to prepare for the struggle that is to commence on Monday evening, when the Speaker again calls the House to order. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof, and I shall not seek to anticipate what may be the course of events succeeding the report of the Special Committee, to whom has been referred the "bill for the suppression of intemperance, with power to report complete." But there are a few matters, more or less connected with legislation, which I desire to clear away before the week brings that which may force them aside. And first is

A LETTER FROM MR. SEWARD, AND ABOUT HIS RE-ELECTION.

It has been frequently asked in my hearing during the past month, "What does Mr. Seward say about his re-election? Has he no word of encouragement for his friends, no refutation of the slanders and aspersions of his enemies?" Doubtless, under other circumstances, there would have been enough of both, for I believe Mr. Seward never forgets his friends—never permits a falsehood to go uncorrected, when it has a responsible and intelligent endorser. But I know so well what were the true feelings of Mr. Seward, how little of personal feeling he connected the election of Senator, that I was confident he would not permit the importunities of friends nor the impressions of foes to lead him to say or do anything that might seem like an interference with members in the discharge of the duties imposed upon them by the law. It appears now that this supposition was correct. Some days previous to the commencement of the discussion of the selection of Senator, one of the members wrote to Mr. Seward, suggesting that he should in some way define his position upon certain questions likely to be discussed in the caucus. To this letter, for reasons given, Mr. Seward made no direct reply, but to an intimate friend in Albany he forwarded the following, desiring to have its contents made known to such as should desire to have from him anything more than could be found in the history of his life:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 1855.

My Dear ——: I received last night a letter, which was a very kind one, from Hon. Mr. ——, who is a member of Assembly from ——. In this letter he states that there is an extreme interest in a certain question felt at Albany, and that he stands firmly on the favorable ground he has maintained and throughout. But in view of the many things said there, he asks whether I would not think it right to express to him my opinions on some principles which are discussed in the canvass.

Of course I cannot now for the first time in my life, and when my ambition is certainly less earnest than it has been heretofore, engage in any correspondence that would or could be thought designed to influence the decision of the proper authorities in a matter which, in one of its aspects only, is a personal one to myself, while in its broader aspects it is a purely public one.

I hope that you may find an occasion to explain, as you can, from our long acquaintance, to Mr. ——, the reasons for observing silence now as heretofore, and that at the same time I am very sincerely grateful to him for the kindness which moved him to solicit explanations. Very truly your friend,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

How much truth there was in the statement that Mr. Seward was taking an active part in the canvass for Senator, your readers can judge themselves, after perusing the above letter.

ABOLISHING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Senator Barnard has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill in the Senate for the abolishment of capital punishment. It is a common understanding that all great reforms must, under a kind of protection, be so long advocated, so long combated—so many times proposed, so many times rejected—before they are finally received and acknowledged. Only six years ago when Mr. Seward was first elected Senator, it was deemed inexpedient to discuss the Slavery question in connection therewith, and when that gentleman ventured the suggestion that there might possibly be law higher than the laws of man, the people stood amazed and some of his warmest friends thought he had they could never recover from the proposition. Yet last week, the strong claim made in Mr. Seward's behalf was that he had been an early, persistent and consistent opponent of Slavery, and the "higher law" sentiment so cautiously and timidly put forth found bold and determined defenders in the Assembly chamber—and not one to attack it. Only six years, and the rights of man, the duty of the North, and the superiority of divine enactments over those of mortals, have been taught and acknowledged.

In about the same time the advocates of Temperance have abandoned all hopes of enforcing their proposed reforms by moral suasion, and have asserted their right to call in the aid of legislative enactment. They have gone through the formalis of their measures which will remain for them early attention from the Legislature. The Temperance reapers are about to gather their harvest.

Older than there is the proposition to abolish the death penalty. It has had a slow growth, for it has called to its advocacy but few, and that few were recruited from the ranks of the earnest but misguided, who appealed not to the passions, not to the hopes, not to the fears, but to the calm, deliberate reason of their fellow-men. They have labored unceasingly, labored earnestly, but so far with indifferent success. Is it not now the time for a more enlarged and united appeal to the legislators of the State? Is it not time that this great reformation was inaugurated—has not its time of probation ended—has it not been tried by time, and stood the scrutiny required by all proposed innovations? I hope that it has, and that the bill to be introduced will find that favor it so much deserves—that success it has a right to expect from the intelligent and discriminating Legislature now in session at the Capital.

LO! THE POOR INDIAN.

Mr. T. Robbins Bur, and others, ask that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to employ some suitable person to collect and arrange the treaties and other authentic documents in his office and elsewhere, tending to illustrate the history of the relinquishment of land titles within this State by the native Indian tribes, and to prepare such means of illustration as may be necessary for a full knowledge of the requirements of the State of the title to its lands; and further, that a sum of money be appropriated for the purpose named. Let us do no such thing. Let us rather gather up and destroy—commit to the flames all that records the progress of our acquisitions. Leave only to tradition, or forget entirely the infamy which we acquired with the titles we enjoy—for who can look unmoved upon the parchment that tells how many miles square were bought with a few strings of paltry beads—how the Council fires that had burned for ages were put out, and the lands that gathered round scattered—their birthrights, their wigwams, and their hunting grounds bartered away for a score of worthless rifles or a bundle of useless trinkets—how we first debased and then defrauded the children of the forest out of all their hills and valleys, their lakes and rivers, over which are scattered the millions whose representatives are asked to perpetuate the records of wrongs inflicted by their ancestors. Doubtless there was necessity for the wrong—for the extermination of one race for the increase of the other. But there exists no necessity that we should make parade of the means by which that extermination was effected. They may be forgiven—we may, at least, forget them. J. B. S.

Medical Society of the State of New-York.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7.

The Society met at 10 o'clock A. M.

DR. DANIEL AYRES.

Dr. Snyder read a biographical sketch of the late Dr. Daniel Ayres, of Amsterdam, Montgomery County.

Dr. Ayres was born at New-Braintree, Mass., in May, 1787. The grandfather of Dr. Ayres was one of the lorks of Ayrshire, Scotland, and his mother reckoned herself a descendant, in a direct line, of Mary of Scots. He commenced the study of medicine at the age of 14 years, and commenced practice at the age of 19, at a time when the opportunities for a thorough medical education in this country were limited; but he was a man of progress, and kept space in his studies with the improvements in his profession. As a member of the profession, in all its relations, he was high toned and governed by the nicest principles of honor. In his death the community lost a competent, upright physician, and the church a useful and loved member.

PROF. JAMES WEBSTER.

Dr. Coventry read a biographical sketch of the late Prof. James Webster. Dr. Webster was born in Warring, Lancaster, England, in 1803. His parents removed to this country when he was a child. They designed him to pursue the study of law with the late Mr. Wirt, but he chose medicine for his profession, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1824. It was in the lecture room, before his class of anatomy, at Geneva Medical College, that Prof. Webster appeared to greatest advantage, and he was never so happy as when lecturing on his favorite topic, anatomy. He united an agreeable voice, a copious flow of language, and an inexhaustible fund of humor in his lectures. He was enthusiastic and ardent in his temperament, and devotedly attached to his friends. Dr. Webster died at Louisville, Ky., on the 16th July, 1854.

Dr. John S. McCall read a paper on the needs, duties and privileges of the Medical Profession.

Dr. Phelps, of New-York, asked the indulgence of the Society while he read a paper on the early and present condition of the medical profession. As he had now entered his seventieth year, he felt confident that he should not many times have occasion to offer an apology for claiming their attention.

Dr. Saunders moved that 4 o'clock be made the hour for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Dr. Augustus Willard read a very interesting paper on the epidemical diseases of Chenango and Broome, which was referred to the Committee of Publication.

A communication was received from His Excellency Gov. Clark, inviting the Society visit him on Thursday afternoon, at the Executive Chamber. The invitation was accepted.

INSANE ASYLUMS.

Dr. Foster presented the following:

Whereas, The Legislature are about to provide additional accommodations for the insane, this Society deem it a fit occasion for its opinion. Therefore,

Resolved, That an Asylum capable of accommodating 250 patients is preferable to one of a larger size.

That the selection of a proper location for an asylum should be made in view of the construction of such a number of asylums of that magnitude as the present and future wants of the State may require.

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Medical Society of the State of New-York.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7.

The Society met at 10 o'clock A. M.

DR. DANIEL AYRES.

Dr. Snyder read a biographical sketch of the late Dr. Daniel Ayres, of Amsterdam, Montgomery County.

Dr. Ayres was born at New-Braintree, Mass., in May, 1787. The grandfather of Dr. Ayres was one of the lorks of Ayrshire, Scotland, and his mother reckoned herself a descendant, in a direct line, of Mary of Scots. He commenced the study of medicine at the age of 14 years, and commenced practice at the age of 19, at a time when the opportunities for a thorough medical education in this country were limited; but he was a man of progress, and kept space in his studies with the improvements in his profession. As a member of the profession, in all its relations, he was high toned and governed by the nicest principles of honor. In his death the community lost a competent, upright physician, and the church a useful and loved member.

PROF. JAMES WEBSTER.

Dr. Coventry read a biographical sketch of the late Prof. James Webster. Dr. Webster was born in Warring, Lancaster, England, in 1803. His parents removed to this country when he was a child. They designed him to pursue the study of law with the late Mr. Wirt, but he chose medicine for his profession, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1824. It was in the lecture room, before his class of anatomy, at Geneva Medical College, that Prof. Webster appeared to greatest advantage, and he was never so happy as when lecturing on his favorite topic, anatomy. He united an agreeable voice, a copious flow of language, and an inexhaustible fund of humor in his lectures. He was enthusiastic and ardent in his temperament, and devotedly attached to his friends. Dr. Webster died at Louisville, Ky., on the 16th July, 1854.

Dr. John S. McCall read a paper on the needs, duties and privileges of the Medical Profession.

Dr. Phelps, of New-York, asked the indulgence of the Society while he read a paper on the early and present condition of the medical profession. As he had now entered his seventieth year, he felt confident that he should not many times have occasion to offer an apology for claiming their attention.

Dr. Saunders moved that 4 o'clock be made the hour for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Dr. Augustus Willard read a very interesting paper on the epidemical diseases of Chenango and Broome, which was referred to the Committee of Publication.

A communication was received from His Excellency Gov. Clark, inviting the Society visit him on Thursday afternoon, at the Executive Chamber. The invitation was accepted.

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Execution of Wilhelm Jung.

From the New-Orleans Bee, Feb. 8.

Yesterday forenoon about 10 o'clock, William Young was hanged in the inner court of the Parish Prison, for the murder of Christian Rehen, a child of whom he was the guardian, and whom his inhuman cruelty consigned to an untimely grave. Long before the hour appointed for the murderer's execution, a large crowd, chiefly composed of children and persons of color, assembled around the gates of the jail. None, however, were admitted, excepting the representatives of the press, officials and members of the city bench.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the massive door of the inner court was unlocked, and the spectators admitted to the scene of the sternly solemn ceremony. About one hundred persons were present. Shortly after they entered the yard, the prisoner was conducted from a cell situated immediately above the drop, and brought forward and seated on a cane-bottomed stool on the scaffold. The

WINTER AMONG THE POOR.

This storm and the sharp cold, which have penetrated the most comfortable of our homes, and made us, in all our wrappers and mufflers, shiver through the storm, have fallen fearfully on the broken shanties and leaky rooms of the poor. The cinders gathered in the streets have not been able to keep off the frost; children, half clothed, who have been sheltered thus far from the Winter, feel now its cold touch; the snow and wind these cold nights drive into hundreds of cabins, and the morning gives a hopeless prospect of hunger and destitution. Everywhere are tenants' rooms, with strong linen sitting idle; women put out of their usual employment, and shivering children, who have picked over the streets in vain, while covered with this snow.

Take these instances of many constantly coming before us. On the corner of Forty-third-street and First-avenue, in the neighborhood of "Dutch Hill,"—a hamlet of shanties—a woman lives, a Mrs. LYNCH, whose husband, till this season, has always had sufficient of work. Now his work is stopped, and he spends his days in hunting for chance jobs, which he seldom finds. I came to her cabin lately, one of these cold mornings.

The door, which opened from the weed-house into the room, had a large gap over it, and another under. The wooden walls had great chinks, in which the snow filtered. There was no fire in the little stove, and the mother and two little children lay head by feet in the bed, under a covering of some bits of old carpeting, a thin shawl, and a piece of an old blanket. Newspapers were used to keep off the snow. They shivered as they lay, and the woman, with a chattering tone, said she was waiting for her husband, in hopes he would find something to bring home. A chicken was *frozen to death* under the table. It was a wretched place. Yet any one could see that a good deal of the suffering might have been prevented. A Yankee man would *have made the shanty tight, and have lighted* a fire of the cinders under the stove. Still we were glad to put her in the way of aid, and to clothe the children, whom she promises to school. Some bed-clothes, too, were provided for her.

In a cabin near her, between Forty-second and Forty-third-streets, were three boys, orphans, living alone—their parents having died during the last season. They were ragged, *the shanty was cold, and they seemed to be* doing nothing but playing with some puppies on the bed. I suggested their going to the country, and proffered some good places in Pennsylvania, which a friend had procured for our Society. They shook their heads. I asked how they lived. One said they found little jobs, and another that they got help from the Corporation. In another shanty was a short ruddy German woman, with a family of small children; her name was RAHMANN; she picked rags and bones for a living, from the streets. Her story was piteous—one child sick, another scalded, another a babe. She could make nothing now, and did not know where to get relief. The Irish drew all the public assistance, and got all they wanted, and she could obtain nothing. Her children had *no clothes even, to go out into the streets.* I have attempted to direct her to some source of relief, and in the meantime the children will be clothed at our Thirty-seventh-street Industrial School. This School, it will be remembered, was dropped in the beginning of Winter, owing to want of funds, and only kept up on the Saturdays. A petition was presented to the Board of Education for a Public School in that quarter. After only a short delay, an excellent primary school was established, which, in a few weeks, contained 200 children. We found, *however, as we expected, that scores* of the girls who attended the old Industrial School, did not attend this. They were too poor. The parents were obliged to employ them in the streets, begging or rag-picking, or gathering swill. The little help they received before, in food and clothes, and the learning to sew, were the inducements to the mothers, and often an advantage sufficient to balance the street-earnings of the child. We are now seeking to reestablish the Thirty-seventh-street school, somewhere in the neighborhood. No district needs it more in the City. An immense population of Germans and Irish have gathered in the shanties and tenement-houses near East River, from Thirty-seventh-street to Fiftieth-street. They are the poorest of the poor. Their children *scatter over the whole City in begging* or street-picking expeditions. Removed as they are from the most public quarters, they are peculiarly liable to suffer in these distressed times. Our hope is to aid them in this school in some permanent way, so that the evils which curse them now will not equally afflict them the next year, or the year after. Any who are disposed to aid us, will send their contributions of food, clothing, or money, either to Mrs. ATTERBURY, the First Directress, at the foot of Thirtieth-street, on First-avenue, or to the Children's Aid Society.

To the quarter near to the one I have been describing, I passed through numbers of these wretched hovels. If any one chooses to hunt them through, let him ask for Mrs. DOYLE, Mrs. RILEY, Mrs. DEMPSEY, Mrs. JACKSON, all near the eastern end of Forty-second-street, and he will see specimens of the New-York poor; and will be able to relieve the poor in the best way—by *personal visitation*. It is not your gift, carelessly given; your charity bestowed publicly in mass, your food cast to the begging, which gladdens the squalid hovel, and makes future penury easier borne. One word of sympathy, a look moistened with the heart's feeling, a laugh or a pleasant joke, *with* the judicious help, will go further in relieving poverty than many a cold and rich donation.

I was much touched, in this visit, with the circumstances of a laboring man living on the corner of Thirty-first-street and First-avenue, in the third story. He was a plasterer by trade, and his little girl—a bright child of eleven years—had been coming for some days, through storm and cases, to our office, to get a place in the country. I found all the family together; the father sitting idle by the window; the children, four in all, before the fire; and the mother sewing hard and fast on some work for the shops. The room was clean, well swept and scrubbed, and everything tidy. The father had a good, honest, English face, though worn with a very down-hearted expression. He had had no work for three months, he said. In Summer he used to make from ten shillings to fourteen shillings *a day, as plastering—and now not a penny.* He, he had not been in the soup-houses, nor to any Society. He couldn't bear to; he never had done such a thing. He should try to manage along till Spring.

I offered him money, coal, if he would go after it; but he declined, saying he should be ashamed to beg. He had sent his little girl to us, finding he could really do nothing for her.

The wife seemed more depressed than he, and said this was the first month in their lives in which they had not paid their rent. They now owed it ($4 50) to the landlord.

We gave the man clothes, and sent the girl to a good home, and are now seeking a job in the country for the plasterer. His name is LINNY.

It seems at first sight, to a kindly heart, at such a time as this and with such cases of poverty as the above, a mean and pitiful thing to be considering the *mode* of bestowing our charity. We do not wonder at the communications which have appeared from different sources in the TIMES on the views previously given through these columns upon the action of the Soup-Houses and *some of the* Ward Committees. These articles, though sometimes mistaking the point of discussion, have been temperate and courteous in tone, as beseemed the subject, and deserve respectful attention.

The point at issue, it should be remembered, is merely the *mode of charity*. The position which we then maintained, if confirmed by each day's experience in our own operations and by the experience of the missionaries, Sunday School agents and others with whom we have conversed on the subject, as well as of some on these Committees themselves, we have not the least doubt that time will more and more confirm, as the *effects* of this Winter's indiscriminate charity appear in succeeding years. A mind which regards poverty superficially is always most affected by the *present* suffering and the present assistance. We do not remember that aid is of little use if it relieves one pain to increase the cause of many pains.

Charity which principally creates Pauperism is a weak and sentimental thing, and in the end will do more injury than good.

If our generous citizens, during this Winter, feed a thousand poor, who might be doing a little for themselves, but are by this charity *kept form such efforts, they do indeed a present* kindness. Hungry mouths are fed—the kind and gentle hearts of donors are satisfied; but we do not now see the end of the evil. These thousand people, on the next Winter, when there is more work, have caught the habit of dependence. They would rather live on the chance charities of the rich than try to support themselves. Their ingenuity and labor is turned to the tricks of importuning and *begging. They are not in the habit of work.* They come to like the *adventure* of begging; and so it happens, we should find, before any one understood the cause, a great relay added to the class of paupers such as now curses Europe. It is such evils we would avoid. And therefore we repeat that charity cannot be given to a crowd as it is now given indiscriminately at some of the Soup-Houses, without great danger. It is the old monkish system of *dole* to crowds of paupers. It is fatal to self-respect, and does not meet its own object.

In some of the Wards, we are aware, these donations have been carefully bestowed; and so far as we have observed in the Eighteenth Ward, in which the gentlemen are engaged, whose communications have recently appeared *in the* TIMES *on this matter, food* and money have been distributed with much judgment.

But what we have urged is, that there is no need of these separate Associations. We have an experienced Society, with agents and a careful organization, ready to relieve as many as its funds will supply, which bestows its charities as the result of personal visitation, and in such a way that Pauperism will not spring up as the harvest of our generosity.

We rejoice to hear, that some of the Relief Committees have turned their funds collected, and their labor into the *channels of* this Association; and that the Society has never had more means with which to distribute its charities than at the present time.

In such a discussion as this, let us seek for facts and truth alone; and as the objects of all are similar, to help the friendless and forsaken, let us each be willing to accept the position of the others, if experience shall prove it true. C. L. B.

TRADE AND TONNAGE OF THE CANALS.

Report of the Auditor.

STATE OF NEW-YORK,
CANAL DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Feb. 1855.

To the Legislature of the State of New-York:

The Auditor of the Canal Department is required by statute annually to make report to the *Legislature of the tolls, trade and tonnage of the* Canals of this State during the season of navigation, and in obedience to *such requirement he* makes the following report:

All the matters and statistics which are required to be reported will be found fully and particularly set forth in the accompanying tables. It will be perceived from such tables that the whole amount of tolls collected upon the several Canals of this State during the last season of navigation was $2,772,566 35. Which amount is composed as follows:

Toll on boats and passengers	$226,196
Toll on products of the forest	616,408
Toll on products of animals	76,131
Toll on vegetable food	697,169
Toll on other agricultural products	7,105
Toll on manufactures	126,425
Toll on merchandise	330,030
Toll on other articles	166,099
	2,247,498
	$2,772,566

The whole amount of tonnage transported on the Canals during the last season of navigation, ascending and descending, was in tons 4,165,002

Which was composed as follows:

Products of the forest	1,768,745 tons.
Products of animals	76,024
Vegetable food	903,296
Other agricul'l products	16,489
	2,764,554 tons.
Manufactures	356,021 tons.
Merchandise	405,082 tons.
Other articles	740,325 tons.
	4,165,002

The value of such tonnage is estimated as follows:

Products of the forest	$14,368,783
Products of animals	11,400,600
Vegetable food	36,231,500
Other agricultural products	1,000,000
	51,000,884
Manufactures	6,726,420
Merchandise	120,157,002
Other articles	10,054,309
Total value	$210,304,313

The total movement of freight, or number of tons carried one mile during the last season of navigation, was 668,659,044. The total movements of the several classes comprising such total tonnage, are as follows:

Product of the forest	321,457,717 tons.
Product of animals	30,450,000
Vegetable food	214,399,261
Other agricultural products	1,456,556
	566,120,716 tons.
Manufactures	32,320,909 tons.
Merchandise	164,560,063 tons.
Other articles	75,607,356 tons.
Total	668,659,044 tons.

The whole amount of tonnage arriving at tide water, by way of the Erie Canal, from the Western States or Canada, during the last season of navigation, was 1,096,201 tons.

The whole amount of tonnage arriving at tide water, *the product of this State, during the same* period, was 608,167 tons.

The whole number of barrels of flour arriving at tide water through the Canals, during the last season of navigation, was 1,849,459

The whole number of bushels of wheat arriving during the same period, was 3,890,500

Which reduced into flour, calculating five bushels to the barrel, would make 794,700

Total in barrels 1,906,513

The whole number of bushels of corn arrived at the water during the same period was 19,813,000

The total tonnage of new boats registered during the last year is 700, with a total tonnage of ..... 80,325 tons

Making an average tonnage of ..... 1,337 tons

The number of lockages at Alexander's lock for the season was 38,961, and the greatest number of lockages at any lock was 40,621 at lock No. 45, Frankfort.

Such is a brief summary of the trade and revenue of the Canals, as exhibited in the accompany tables, during the season of navigation. It exhibits as compared with the season of 1853, a decrease in revenue of $431,157

A decrease in tonnage of ..... 91,931 tons

Divided among the different classes of articles as follows:

	Tons.
Product of forest, decrease	53,788
Vegetable food, decrease	167,565
Merchandise, decrease	51,348
	272,650
Products of animals, increase	6,019
Other agricultural products, increase	1,408
Manufactures, increase	27,865
Other articles, increase	155,194
	190,581
Decrease	81,931
Decrease in lockages at Alexander's lock	6,086

In flour and wheat, comprised in the returns of *vegetable food, there has been a decrease* in tonnage the past year, as compared with 1853, of 419,774 tons, and a decrease in tolls of $335,199. In corn and oats there has been an increase during the same period of 270,231 tons, and an increase in tolls of $354,967. Under the head of products of the forest, there was a decrease in tonnage upon shingles, boards and scantling, as compared with 1853, of 153,056 tons; and an increased tonnage upon timber, staves and wood, of 102,533 tons, and a decrease in pots and pearl ashes of 2,215 tons. Under the head of "other articles" there was an increase of the tonnage of mineral coal, for same period, of 50,155 tons, and of sundries 56,293 tons, which last increase is principally composed of iron ore transported through the Champlain and Chenango Canals.

Such a decrease in the revenues and tonnage of the Canals is a matter of much moment, and deserves the early attention of the Legislature. While there is no doubt that a portion of the diminution of tonnage upon wheat and flour is attributable to short crops and the diminished amount transported through the State, still much has been lost to the Canal upon the amount transported by the competition and diversion of the Railroads. The accompanying table, marked No. 47, exhibits the comparative business of the New-York State Canals and the Northern Central and New-York and Erie Railroads for the years 1853 and 1854. Such table exhibits the fact that while the total *movement of freight or tons carried one mile on the Canals, have during the last year decreased 31,* 730,889 tons; on said railroads it had increased 55,736,430 tons, and that during the last year the gross amount of tonnage upon the New-York State Canals and the three trunk railroads combined, *exceeds* the amount of tonnage of 1853 by 234,461 tons, while the tonnage upon the Canals has *decreased* during that period 91,991 tons, with a *decrease in revenue of $431,153; and the tonnage of* such railroads has increased 316,453 tons, with an increase of earnings from freight alone of $1,520,668. It also shows that while there has during the last year been a *decrease* of tonnage upon the Canals on the products of the forest of 52,780 tons, there has been an *increase* of such tonnage upon the New-York and Erie and the Northern Roads alone of 32,362 tons; and, estimating the New-York Central at the same per cent. of increase as there is upon the total tonnage of such road, and it gives the total *increase* of such tonnage upon the three trunk Railroads of 63,174 tons. While there has been a *decrease* of tonnage upon the Canals of vegetable food of 167,565 tons, there has been an *increase* upon the New-York and Erie and Northern Railroads of 21,157 tons, and adding thereto the *increase* of the tonnage upon the New-York Central, *at the same per cent. as its increase of total* tonnage, and it makes the *increase* of such tonnage upon such roads 126,436 tons. And while there has been a *decrease* of the tonnage of merchandise upon the Canals of 52,305 tons, there has been an *increase* of such tonnage upon the three roads, including the increase upon the New-York Central at the same per cent. as its total increase of tonnage, of 77,135 tons.

Such facts prove too plainly to be contradicted that the diversion of tonnage by the Railroads from the Canals is of a great and serious character. That it is not confined to what may be considered the legitimate business of Railroads, but is principally felt in cheap and heavy articles of freight—products of the forest and agriculture—belonging without dispute to the *legitimate* business of the Canals.

Such diminished receipts and tonnage upon the Canals during the past season are not and cannot be attributed to the diversion of tonnage from the *Western portion of the Canal by the way of Lake* Ontario, because there has been in fact an actual *increase in the tonnage shipped on the Canal at* Buffalo, while there has been a decrease in tonnage *of property shipped at Oswego.*

The Auditor in his financial report accompanying the report of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, in view of the diminished amount of receipts upon the Canals for the previous fiscal year, and the prospective insufficiency of the revenues of the Canals in future and before their completion to meet the heavy constitutional charges upon them, suggested the propriety of imposing tolls upon some equitable basis on the tonnage of Railroads diverting business from the Canals; such imposition of tolls to be continued until the enlargement of the Erie Canal shall be completed. After the completion of the enlargement it is not supposed that the Canals will need such extraneous aid to enable them to retain and command all their legitimate business, despite the rivalry of Railroads. At the time of the adoption of the Constitution in 1846, *Railroad tolls* formed a part of what were designated "the Canal revenues." Such revenues *were appropriated and inviolably set apart by* the Constitution to certain purposes; and a portion *of them virtually pledged to the public creditors.* In 1851, when the revenues of the Canals by judicious management and rates of toll were swollen to such an extent that a large surplus had been and was annually realized over and beyond the amounts required to be set apart to redeem the public faith, tolls upon Railroads were abolished, whether properly or not is not for the Auditor here to express an opinion. But now, when there is a bare possibility, not to say probability that the large constitutional charges may not be met by the present Canal revenues, is it not proper for the Legislature in discharge of their duty to the people and the public creditors that the revenues should be placed back upon the same foundation on which the Constitution found them and left them?

Such line of policy would not be unjust or inequitable towards the Railroad companies. The central line of roads were originally built by different corporations, some of them prohibited altogether from carrying freight, and others permitted to do so only at certain seasons of the year upon the payment of Canal tolls. Consolidated now into one company they are realizing large receipts from the resources of the country and markets, developed and opened by the *Canals* and set by their own expenditures. Imposing tolls upon such freight transported by those roads as may be considered *legitimate* Canal freight, leaves the roads still with much greater privileges as to freight than the stockholders had any reason to expect when they were built.

As to the New-York and Erie Road, it is a fact worthy of notice, and bearing strongly upon the question of equity, that the revenues of the Canals are now taxed annually $350,000 to pay the interest and redeem the principal of that part of the State debt called the General Fund Debt, and which amounts, as appears by the report of the Comptroller, to $6,355,654 37. Nearly the one-half of such indebtedness ($3,000,000) is for advances made and given towards the construction of such Erie Road, and without the advance of which it is more than probable that the construction of the Road would have still been in contemplation instead of completed. It cannot be unjust to them under such circumstances for the Legislature, by the imposition of tolls, to maintain the revenues of the Canals unimpaired, so as to enable them, without default, to meet the heavy constitutional charges imposed upon them, and so large a proportion of which is devoted to meeting the obligations created for the benefit of that Road.

The Northern Road has been built with direct reference to the diversion of trade from the Canals, and in such manner as to benefit the State and its citizens to the least possible extent. There can be nothing inequitable for the State, under such circumstances, to exercise their legitimate powers for their own protection.

These are facts and circumstances developed in the two several reports of the State Engineer and Surveyor upon the Canals and Railroads of the State, which appear to call loudly upon the Legislature for the imposition of such toll, not only in the discharge of their duty in the protection of the State, the People and their interests, but as the most effectual means to protect the stockholders in Railroads against the unauthorized assumed use of their directors and officers.

[illegible] by these reports, and it is certainly alarmed therein, that the operators of the Railroad lines are sacrificing the property and interests of the stockholders committed to their charge, by pursuing a policy to divert trade from the Canals, which requires "*an immediate change to prevent the most serious embarrassments, if not total bankruptcy.*" and which line of policy has been attended with the injurious results hereinbefore exhibited to the business and revenue of the Canals; whereas, had they confined their roads "to their legitimate functions, without an effort at rivalship," they would have added to, "instead of detracting from, the business" of the Canals. Such Railroad operators are, upon the facts as they appear in such report, thus in violation of the trust and confidence reposed in them by the stockholders, on the one hand, and the State, which gave them existence as a corporation, on the other, working a *double injury.* And the State, by a proper, judicious and *equitable imposition of Canal toll, will perform a* double duty; protect their own revenues from loss and injury by the recklessness of individuals, and aid the injured stockholders by preventing the possibility of competition, and thus destroying the temptation for such departure from a legitimate and profitable to a losing and ruinous business. Such course appears to be the most effectual mode of curing the *evil* complained of by the State Engineer, at the same time that it will fully preserve the revenues and interests of the State.

It is sometimes suggested that by the imposition of tolls upon Railroad tonnage, there will be a consequent increased cost of transportation through the State, resulting in a diversion of trade to other and rival routes through neighboring States. Such cannot by any possibility to the result of a judicious and proper discrimination of the tonnage to be charged with tolls. The expense of transportation upon the Canals will clearly not be affected by it, so the charges upon Canal freights cannot be thereby increased.

Under the present management of Railroads, in their strife to divert business from the Canals, and "contend with the water line in the economy of transportation," much freight has been carried by them at losing rates; the loss upon which has been made up, to as great an extent as practicable, by a large tariff of freight upon many, if not all, articles composing legitimate Railroad freight. Confine the freighting business of Railroads to "*legitimate*" Railroad freight by imposing tolls upon the "legitimate Canal freight," and the necessity of the increased tariff upon some, to make up for losses on other descriptions of freight, no longer exists, and the necessary consequence will be the cheapening of transportation, and not its increase in cost.

The Auditor, feeling convinced that it is the true policy of the State for the protection of the Canal interests and *their revenues, to impose toll upon articles diverted by the Railroads from the Canals,* and that such is the most effectual and, as it appears to him, the only practicable method to confine each of those two great classes of improvements to the performance of their appropriate functions, and to cause them to "add to, instead of detracting from the business of each other," has felt called upon to ask the attention of the Legislature to the *question upon the facts and statistics presented in* the accompanying tables.

The Auditor, before closing this report, feels it incumbent upon himself again to call the attention of the Legislature to the question of the ability of the Canals to meet the constitutional charges upon them for the current and ensuing fiscal year. In his former report he stated, in effect, that it was confidently expected that there would be an increase of revenue in the Spring, and that there would be no deficiency for the present fiscal year. Upon further reflection and examination, however, the Auditor has become satisfied that there will, without doubt, be a large deficiency in the current fiscal year, and immediate action on the part of the Legislature is necessary, unless it is intended to suffer some of the constitutional appropriations to go uncared for.

The tolls which have been collected upon the Canals during the months of September, October, November and December last, and which form a part of the revenues of the current fiscal year, amount to $1,172,026

The amount of revenue needed for the current fiscal year, as shown by his former Report, to meet the appropriations for collection, superintendence, and ordinary repairs, and the other appropriations required by the Constitution, is, in all $3,413,121

Which leaves the sum of $2,241,095

the amount necessary to be realized during the months of May, June, July and August next, in order to meet all the requirements of the Constitution. That makes an average of $560,000 per month, of tolls necessary to be collected during these months. Such average is unprecedented in the history of the Canals, even when their revenues were at the highest points. In 1851, the tolls in which year largely exceed those of any other except 1847, the year of the great famine in Ireland, the whole amount of tolls collected, after the opening of navigation and prior to the 1st of September, was only $1,930,626. This was also upon the high rates of toll, and before the great and, in many respects unwise reduction of 1852. Even if the tolls of next season, to be included in the present fiscal year, should be equal to that amount, it would then leave a deficiency of over $300,000. Even in the year of the great famine, the tolls for these months fell largely short of the requisite amount. The great diminution of the revenues for the present fiscal year are claimed by many to be owing in a great measure to short crops in the West. If that is so, its effects will still be felt after the close of the present fiscal year. The shipment of the crops of the coming season will not commence until after the 1st of September next, and consequently cannot affect the revenues of the present year.

The records of the Canal Department show that the Fall months are the months which almost invariably yield the largest, and the months of July and August the smallest amount of revenue. Upon a review, therefore, there can be no well-grounded hope that the revenues of the current fiscal year will be sufficient, unaided, to meet the constitutional charges upon them. For the next fiscal year the constitutional charges upon the revenues are increased more than $650,000 over those of the present. There is, therefore, still less probability of their being met.

Assertions may, and no doubt are made that there is no danger; but the figures plainly contradict the assertion. And the Auditor feels bound, connected as he is with the finances of the Canal Department, to urge the attention of the Legislature to the question, and impress upon their minds that action on their part at the present session is necessary, unless it is deemed advisable to suffer many of the constitutional appropriations to go unprovided for. After giving the warning that he has, he can feel that his duty has been discharged; and if nothing shall be done by the Legislature, by reason of entertaining different opinions, or relying more upon the judgment and speculations of others, the responsibility rests elsewhere, and is removed from those having charge of the finances of this Department.

There can be no doubt but that the Canal Board will discharge their duty in raising toll upon such articles as will bear it; but the increase of revenues by that means will fall far short of the necessary requirements. Something more is necessary; and that thing, in the opinion of the Auditor, is to restore to the Canal revenues all the revenues which belonged to them when the Constitution was adopted; and that can only be done by imposing Canal tolls upon Railroad tonnage.

M. SCHOONMAKER, Auditor.

The Gadsden Purchase—Ammoborum, or Sand Food of Sonora.

From the Journal of Commerce.

I have just sent an interesting drawing of a very remarkable plant discovered by A. B. GRAY, Esq., in his recent explorations across the Continent for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of constructing a railway to the Pacific. It is a parasitic plant, a large and fleshy root; a parasite, which Professor TORREY, of New-York, to whom Mr. GRAY submitted it for examination, finds to constitute "a new genus of the small group or family represented by the little known and anomalous *Cornilites* of Kunth and the *Phelipæa* of Nutall; in the floral structure and the scales, more like the latter, from which it is distinguished by its woolly, plumose calyx, and its singular cyathiform inflorescence." It was found in abundance through a range of naked sand hills skirting "Adair Bay" near the head of the Gulf of California, furnishing an isolated band of Papigo Indians with an important article of food. The fresh plant is cooked by *roasting upon the hot coals, and resembles the* sweet potato in taste, having much saccharine matter about it. It is likewise dried and mixed with less palatable kinds of food, such as mesquit, beans, &c. If is represented to be a very delicious vegetable, and could it be transplanted, Mr. GRAY believes that it would constitute an important acquisition to the table, probably not second in demand to the sweet potato or asparagus. I understand, however, that Professor TORREY thinks it cannot be grown elsewhere, unless the root or seed, which is entirely under ground, &c., to which it [illegible] Professor TORREY is now preparing for Mr. GRAY a botanical description of this interesting plant, under the name of "*Ammoborum Grayii*," which will signify Sand Food of Sonora.

NEW-YORK CITY.

THE AMERICANIZED EUROPEAN.

Lecture by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

On Friday evening, at Clinton Hall, Astor-place, was delivered the fourth of the course of lectures before the New-England Young Men's Association. There was a numerous attendance.

The physical condition to which man is subjected in the Western Continent was first touched upon. The aspects of nature here and their wide difference from the leading physical aspects of the Old World, *might be expected to produce obvious* effects upon the European subjected to them. Such effects, as shown in the modification of the physical system, were illustrated at length by copious instances cited. The influence of climate was *first* mentioned as being greatest in inducing to the differences manifest between the natives of *Old* and *New England*. The climate was denominated as excessive in its extravagance and violent in its contrasts. There were continued alternations of heat and cold, snow and rain, and drouth and hurricanes. Our forefathers, in giving to the northern portion of this country the name of New-England, by no means realized into how different a creation they had entered. The air here breathed was different—the earth they trod—the vicissitudes of the season—the fruits of the soil—the whole animal series—everything different from what they and their forefathers had been accustomed to. From this, as might reasonably be looked for, ensued a profound and radical change in his temperament and constitution—a breaking up of his national physiognomy—a gradual sapping of his form and features into a new model, new diseases, new virtues, new vices; and so it has continued. This change, yearly, has been growing more and more marked till now, when a British steamer unloads her living cargo at our wharves, at once is recognized the contrast between the redder and rounder face, the plump developed limb and muscle, as compared with the American. They fill their coats fuller, they walk more briskly, they articulate more vigorously, they are warm, jolly, and athletic. Foreign tourists, the *lecturer stated, noted* this difference of physical formation. The inquiry hence prevailed, as to the causes producing such marked changes in development. Such causes the lecturer *detailed at great length, and with many rare and* humorous illustrations enforced the truthfulness of his assumed hypothesis. The change in complexion was attributed to difference in climate. The prevalent early decay of teeth was *charged* to the same cause. The numerous pale faces to be seen and languid ailments so fashionable, he said, should not be attributed to wrong living and wrong habits as *they mainly were. There were faults in this re*spect—lamentable faults—but the invalid was too much scolded. The lecturer adverted to means within the reach of every American to counteract the baneful physical phenomenon to which he was subjected. The importance of air and exercise was not, he said, sufficiently understood. The English gentlemen hunt, shoot, ride, box, play at cricket, get up pedestrian matches, and the English ladies leap fences on their hunters, tramp about like dromedaries on foot, drive four-in-hand in their equipages. The reason is they come into the world with good stout solid organizations. Why American ladies do not heartily join in such out-door exercises is because they have not the vigorous stamina, the overflowing red blood in their veins, the substantial muscle in their limbs that drive to such exercises as a rational outlet for their superfluous vitality. The changeable weather here discouraged such exercises. The vacillations of temperature contrasted with England were referred to as causing much of the ill health of America. A comparison was instituted in the deaths from pulmonary diseases traceable immediately to the night and sudden and extreme changes of temperature. The vegetative life of the American, and attendant pale complexion, narrow face, faulty teeth, spare outlines, fatigued features, were all only owing to the action of the elements and the imponderable agencies with which he was surrounded. There was not, however, the lecturer stated, material difference in the longevity of the descendants of Old England and the denizens of New-England. The American had strength of endurance—few lotus eaters or lazzaroni are among them. The body of the American is chastened and prepared for life and made bold by the scourges of the lawless elements. There is little blood and much nerve in the sharp-featured Roman of the new Republic.

The lecturer concluded with some remarks upon the manifest destiny of America. The American *race would come out in due time a race* strenuous, eager, impetuous, assimilating, crowding, colonizing, propagandising if you will, but alive with a force and vital heat of its own—and out of the same hemisphere which bred the condor to govern the air, the mastodon to rule in the forest and the great sea snake that comes up once or twice in a generation to show himself to be the sovereign of the ocean.

Dr. Milburn on "Rifle, Axe, and Saddle-bags."

Rev. Dr. MILBURN (well known for some years past as the Chaplain of the United States Senate,) delivered a highly entertaining and instructive lecture, before a very numerous and respectable audience, on last Friday evening, in the Mulberry-street Methodist Church. The lecture was replete with vivid description of scenery, glowing pictures of backwoods life and manners—which transported the hearer, in imagination, through the tract of country over which DANIEL BOONE passed, from his *starting point in Virginia till his arrival in the* heart of the hunting-grounds of Kentucky; the imminent risks and hair-breadth 'scapes of the parent pioneer and his companions—their battles with the red men—and was interspersed throughout with lively anecdotes of the early settlers, illustrative of their primitive habits, and manner of living—which lent a charming interest to a subject well calculated to please any, but more especially an American audience—embracing, as it did, an epitome of the history of the rifle, the axe, and the saddle bags—the implements used by the first pioneers of what now constitutes the richest part of our vast domain. Man, he observed, is a tool-using animal, and the amount of his labor is measured by the use he makes of the tools he employs. In order that work may be well done, it is necessary to have the tools employed in its execution adapted to those who handle them; for coarse fingers, rough tools must be procured—and it is to the rough hand, the strong arm and brawny muscle, that we are indebted for the vast acquisition which has accrued to the Union in the West.

The period had arrived when a grand task was to be achieved,—the valley of the Mississippi, teeming with fertility and holding out the most tempting prospects for the white race, was to be wrested from the Indian and he made the happy home of civilized man. This was to be done by a few obscure men,—and the tools they used were the rifle, axe and saddlebags—the implements of the Western hunter, the farmer, and the itinerant preacher.

In glancing at the condition of the West previous to its first settlement, a high tribute of passing eulogy was paid to the Jesuit Fathers, whose preaching and labors extended along the Mississippi, and who were looked up to with reverence and admiration by the savages amongst whom their mission extended. But of these he spoke not—he spoke of those Anglo-Saxon Americans, whose thirst for dominion and empire overcame every obstacle—whose cry was "Westward and Westward still," and whose motto "All or none."

In the May of 1769, a hunter of North Carolina stood before his log cabin, sad and disconsolate; his wife, his children, and his circle of friends, were grouped around him; he turned aside to hide his emotion, and with child-like simplicity wiped away the tears which had gathered in the eyes of those about him, and bade them a loving adieu; then shouldering his rifle, and taking a long and lingering fond look on the dear familiar objects around,—the sinewy form of the man was soon lost to sight,—that form which should be chiseled in *marble, whose name engraved in brass,*—whose praises spoken in the choicest strains of poesy,—and as one who contributed so much to the interest and welfare of his country, should hold after the immortal WASHINGTON the second place in American history. Such, however, and so great were his merits and his claim to undying renown, that in after years a sparkling collocution is found,—the proud imperious genius couples his name with that of the humble hunter,—BUNON—BOONE.

Five hunters accompanied him in his perilous journey, which was prosecuted through much toil and danger till they arrived in Kentucky, of which country, at this time, most capital location, and before the Virginia lay, was of the deepest interest. Shortly after their arrival, BOONE and one of his companions were captured by the Indians, and carried off prisoners. One of the party being slain, as dispirited by the fact that they resolved to depart to the settlements. Not so, however, BOONE, who resolved, come what may, to remain. He was left alone with nature. The description given of the scenery by which the hunter was surrounded, with no white man save one upon the natural beauties or white man's foot to hear the sounds of animated nature, save that of the hunter, was sublime and beautiful. He was alone with nature. Near him are the deer licks—a herd of buffaloes approaches—the cry of the panther, the howling of the wolves, and the screams of the night-birds are heard. He heeds them not. Another and a yet more dangerous enemy is upon his trail—the Indians thirst for his blood, for they have determined that foot of white man shall never profane the soil which they intend keeping for their choicest hunting-ground. His nights are spent in various ways and in various places—now shielded by a rude hut of his own construction from the raging storm—now with the green sward for his couch and the ethereal canopy for a covering, and again among the branches of some old gnarled oak, he seeks to elude the pursuit of his foes, ever on his track. Thus months are spent by him alone with nature! and who can tell what thoughts, the reflections, the communings of the poet-hunter, during the hours of his solitude, but he who would be strong and daring enough to remain alone with nature?

In 1773 he returned to Virginia, in order to bring his family and whatever number of friends were willing to join in his enterprise and share his fortunes, to his new home. Five families and about forty followers accompanied him. Their entire route was beset with danger—everywhere the foe was met with—the whizling tomahawk and frightful scalping knife gleamed through the air, and the new soil is consecrated with the choicest blood of the province. It is no longer called the Indians' hunting-ground, but the white man's battle-field.

The following thrilling sketch was at once illustrate the mode of life of the early settlers, and the charming interest the Rev. lecturer gave to his subject, by his apposite and judicious introduction of pleasing episodes:

In 1780, or about twenty years after BOONE's first exploration of the country, and whilst KENTUCKY was yet knocking at the door for admission into the Union, the red men resolved to make yet another effort to exterminate their foe. A block house, which served the double purpose of a fort and dwelling, was the habitation of BOONE and his companions. Fearing a descent of the savages, from various premonitions of danger understood only by *the experienced hunter,—he sent two trusty* scouts, named MCLELLAN and WHITE, to learn if possible the destination of the savages. After proceeding some distance, they ascended a bluff, precipitously steep on the one side, and fenced by jutting rocks on another, whence they had a broad and extended prospect—and on another side ran a deep and rapid river, on which side they found themselves in dangerous proximity to their enemy. Beneath them they beheld a large number of squaws and wigwams, the usual indications of an Indian village, and in the open space they observed the warriors painted in their war pattern, evidently showing that their mission was one of blood. They determined to remain and watch the movements of their enemy, and for this purpose concealed themselves from observation, till forced from their hiding place by their water being exhausted, of which they had but a scanty supply. MCCLELLAN set out in search of some with two companions, and had not proceeded far when he discovered a beautiful fountain gushing from a rock near the base of the bluff. Having procured the much-needed element, he returned to his companion, and they determined to get a supply daily, and continued to do so for several days. One day WHITE went to the spring, and after filling his vessels and refreshing himself with a copious draught he laid down his rifle and sat on it, and while thus amused himself by looking at the workings of nature beautifully simplified in the bubbling fountain. This man, educated in the midst of Indian cunning, whose every sense was sharpened to the utmost acuteness, was thus amusing himself when he heard footsteps, and sprang to his feet just in time to see lead by some by two squaws, the elder of whom raised the war cry, which he well knew if repeated and heard by the band, would be certain death; he sprang upon them, and seizing both by the throat plunged into the stream with them with the intention of drowning them. This he very soon accomplished with the elder, but her companion being young and vigorous, struggled with her captor with much effort, and when nearly exhausted he heard her with heavy utter exclamations in English. To rescue her from drowning, and bear her up the current to the amount of the bluff to his companion, was the work of a moment—where when sufficiently recovered she informed them that herself and her father settled on the present site of Wheeling, and were taken prisoners by the Indians, who soon put her father to death, and treated her with the utmost barbarity. *In the meantime the Indians perceiving the body* of the woman floating on the river, and recognizing *the print of the white man's fingers on her neck,* approached the bluff shouting their war yell. The scouts recommended the girl to return to the Indians and conceal for her own safety by telling them how the affair happened. She replied, "I would prefer to die in the presence of the white than to be a slave to the Indian. Give me a rifle, and see what I can do." But this they could not do—yet they were determined to sell their lives as dearly as possible. As before described, on one side they were shielded by a rock, and with unerring accuracy shot several of the bravest and most daring of the foe. One point was accessible, from an impending cliff which overhung the bluff, and in that direction was the rifle of MCLELLAN pointed, with finger on trigger, waiting for a sufficient part of the Indian (whom he espied making the attempt to surprise them from that quarter) to appear above the rock *to form a target to aim at. At last the savage, with* upraised tomahawk and exulting yell, was about to *make the leap and spring upon his foe, when the* flint of MCLELLAN's rifle hang fire. He had lowered the butt and was about replacing it by a fresh flint from his pocket, when he saw the Indian, whose shout of victory was turned to one of pain, fall headlong into the chasm beneath, but shot by whose rifle he knew not. Several others shared the same fate, and in a similar manner. At the approach of night the Indians withdrew, and the scouts were congratulating themselves on their success so far, and wondering who their unknown auxiliary was, when they beheld the rescued girl, rifle in hand, approach them. This it was she accounted for the prompt and efficient aid they received.

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Congressional.

HENRY WILSON, Senator from Massachusetts, appeared in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, was qualified, and, with some difficulty, took a seat. The bill granting bounty lands to Indians who have served in the American Army during war was passed, after the clause giving pensions to the Senecas had been rejected. The bill for continuing certain improvements on the Lakes was considered at some length, and then referred back to the Committee on Commerce.

The House passed the bill appropriating $50,000 for the purchase of four additional revenue cutters, and struck the enacting clause from the bill for the extension of the patent right of MORSE and HASCALL'S Harvesting Machine.

Position of England in the War.

The interest taken by our people in the last news from England is not a little remarkable. A break up in the Cabinet at Washington would scarcely occasion more remark or excitement than the withdrawal of Lord JOHN RUSSELL from the English Ministry. The man himself has very little to do with this feeling. The act of resignation is not particularly honorable to him. He has evidently played a cowardly, as well as inconsistent part, in the grand drama of the Eastern War. No one on this side cares for him. The verdict pronounced by the London press, without distinction of party, is concurred in. But the cause of his sudden resignation is another affair. His admittance before the House of Commons, in taking leave of his colleagues, carries a lively interest in the result of the campaign in the Crimea, to which they relate. They more than bear out the attacks and exposures of the London *Times* in regard to the management of the unfortunate expedition. They justify the absence of sympathy for the English Administration on this side the Atlantic. The War has brought upon themselves through their own agency. It has been prosecuted with neither skill nor humanity. The laurels of the Alma and of Inkerman have wilted under the gross inefficiency of the Commander in the Crimea, and the almost criminal neglect and want of foresight in the Government at home. England is in a fair way to be utterly disgraced in the Eastern War. English residents in the United States can well nigh prepared to concede as much. The Scotch and Irish regiments in action have covered themselves, against reproach, by undoubted bravery, while their English Commander and his English staff are everywhere denounced for the want of administrative talent, and the absence of foresight in caring for the comfort, the health and the life of the Army. Of 54,000 troops sent to the Crimea, nearly 40,000 are *hors du combat*. Such is substantially the story, uncontradicted, in Parliament.

In the midst of these official developments, Lord JOHN RUSSELL leaves his colleagues to the mercy of Mr. ROEBUCK's resolution of inquiry in the Commons, and the threat of impeachment from Lord LYNDHURST in the House of Lords. What the sequel will be remains to be told by the succeeding mail from Europe. An affirmative vote by the immediate representatives of the people on the proposition of Mr. ROEBUCK will of course be taken as the signal of resignation by the entire Ministry. The President of the Council could not well see how such a vote could be resisted, and, therefore, like the lame captain, "retreated in advance." The Secretary for the Home Department, it is quite evident, is equally satisfied that the fate of the Ministry is sealed, but like a wily diplomat, as he is, hopes to be sent for by the Queen, after the Earl of ABERDEEN has had his final audience. Not being mixed up with the immediate administration of the war, it is possible that he may not be disappointed, though the impression is that he will be compelled to make up a coalition Cabinet after all, in order to successfully perform the task to which he aspires.

Will the reorganization of the Ministry save England from the impending disgrace of failure in the Crimea? The question can only be answered in the affirmative by storming Sebastopol. To do this, French aid, and a division of glory with the French army, will be necessary. The lost ground cannot be recovered if at all, in any other way. The War Department in England to whatever hands committed, cannot restore to efficiency the present force in the Crimea, and it is doubtful whether the nation is prepared to risk the sacrifice of a second army. We hear through private letters, that Lord JOHN RUSSELL has resigned, and that his colleagues will follow because the people demand a more vigorous prosecution of the war, but we do not hear that 54,000 additional troops, of British blood, are to be detailed to this service.

The effect of this revulsion at home upon the English Aristocracy is a question of no inconsiderable moment. Lord WINCHILSEA speaks the press, in the House of Peers, and the press in turn points to the inefficiency, growing out of the favoritism, the nepotism and the secret bargain and sale of commissions in the British Army. Suppose the people sympathize with the press, as indeed it is almost certain they do. What then becomes of the Aristocracy itself? It may stand the ordeal of popular indignation, because the English aristocracy contrived to respect its blood, if not its intellect. An Englishman almost by instinct looks up to great names and great [illegible] rather than to rich commoners itself. The Church, the Army, and the nobility sit in the House, are institutions which he would defend to the death. He must have something above a Chancellor to talk about. But he is a sturdy free thinker nevertheless, and if the nepotism, charged on an organic defect of the Army, be proved to his satisfaction, away goes the influence of the peerage—for the time being at least. The demand would at once be made for a complete and thorough reorganization of the entire establishment upon principles of military talent and capacity, and to the exclusion of all official favoritism, and of the wretched system of buying younger sons of the nobility and chuckle-headed scions of good families into the Army.

French Intrigues—Imperial Divorce Rumored.

The following Paris letter, from a well-informed occasional correspondent, affords some curious developments of the intrigues—plots and counter plots—at the Court of LOUIS NAPOLEON, and hints at an event of moment in the domestic relations of the Emperor, which is to be brought about, if attempted, like the memorable divorce of the Great NAPOLEON from the Empress JOSEPHINE, under the plea of a State necessity! The rumor may not be entitled to full credence, but equally strange things—the singular and sudden "match" between the Emperor and EUGENIE for example—in the career of the French ruler have occurred, and there is nothing related by our correspondent, either on this delicate point or the coquetries between the rival adherents of the BONAPARTE family and the French Republicans, that passes belief where French nature—not always synonymous with human nature—is the moving principle:

From an Occasional Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, Jan. 29, 1855.

However strangely it may sound, one of the subjects most obstinately, though, of course, cautiously, whispered about in the *salons*, is a gossip to the effect that the Empress EUGENIE is to be repudiated. Many old ladies, of both sexes, go even so far as to assert that the Imperial divorce, to be consummated for "high political reasons," and as an act of Napoleonic tradition, will have to take place in favor of an Austrian Arch-Duchess, a sort of MARIE LOUISE II. with a King of Rome *in spe*. Unfortunately for this *connerage*, there is no unmarried Princess just *now* in the otherwise very pacific House of Hapsburg, and thus the Austro-French alliance is not likely to be drawn closer by a family necktie. His Decembrist Majesty may feel disappointed in his paternal expectations from a hot Spanish blood, but his good friend in Vienna can hardly help him out of that complication. The reason for all this talk about a divorce lays in the exchange of decorations and autograph letters, and most of all, in the generally accredited supposition of the existence of a secret treaty for the guarantee of Austrian possession in Italy—the fear from which treaty the recent surprising turn of Sardinian policy is attributed to. Dismissing, without entirely discrediting, these speculations about NAPOLEON's possible views respecting his fruitless fidelitee, sure *it is, that he by no means intends to leave "his Empire"* to the heir apparent of the throne. JEROME, and his belligerent son—whom the *courriers* call *Plonplon*—are in no good odor at the Tuileries. The man of the *coup d'état* wanted them to make up the House of NAPOLEON, the Dynasty of BONAPARTE, and had no objection to their having a civil list of Imperial dimensions, but there their pretensions were to stop, and EUGENIE was expected to do the rest. The poor lady, however, though constantly ill, is in a very uninteresting state of health, to all but the aspiring inmates of the Palais Royal, whose chances for the Imperial sceptre are improving from day to day, but who, at the same time, are looked upon by the actual master with feelings of a daily-increasing aversion and ill-will. Hence, a twofold court-intrigue, carried on by the respective cliques of courtiers, and arriving to a point of wonderful meeting, which it will astonish you to hear of. Men from the nearest intimacy of NAPOLEON are trying to persuade Republican notabilities that the Emperor fully intends to play the part of SYLLA, and to retire to some Tiber of his own after he shall have organized, strengthened and proclaimed the—Republic! This is no joke; it is a fact—asserted to come in all earnest, but without finding people sufficiently gullible to believe in it. It is difficult to find the key to these "dissolving views," except in the wish to delude Democratic aspirations and hatred by visions of a promised state of popular sovereignty. The release of BARNES and a few others of less note, but of similar principles, and the contempt in which JEROME's family is held at Court, as well as by the People, are adduced as converging arguments in support of that strange thesis. Such is the intrigue of the Tuilerists. PERSIGNY is at the head of these jugglers. The courtiers of the Palais Royal have a scheme not less original than the one just told, which it resembles, however, very much. It is again the Republicans whom the tempters turn to. Be patient, they are told, LOUIS BONAPARTE is sure to die *soon*, and *without children*. He is worn out to such an extent that he can hardly walk at all, and was obliged to support himself by leaning on a cane while reviewing his guards. His successor will be the founder of the Republic, Young NAPOLEON BONAPARTE is a good Democrat. He belonged to the *Montagne*, and keeps still true to the same principles. Once on the throne, he will first use his power to introduce all social reforms in political as well as financial matters—to stretch out his helping hand to all oppressed nationalities—and then to retire into private life—a simple citizen in his country, constituted as a basis of a peacefully-preordained Democratic institution. He will, depend upon it, be the WASHINGTON of France. This is also no joke, and, what is more wonderful, it has found believers, principally in the midst of exiles—Poles, Hungarians and Italians—residing in Paris, and in the enjoyment of special favors and attentions on the part of the JEROME family. CZARTORISKY and General KLAPKA, for instance, are full of faith in these promises; and as to the French Republicans, there is an underground connection of hope and doubt between the faction of the *Siècle* and the ex-hero of the Crimea. The manager of this intrigue is, however, EMILE DE GIRARDIN, the bosom friend of "Ponplon." The celebrated, or better-to-say, notorious editor of the *Presse* seems himself to be threshold of what has been the ratising running towards of his Tantalus-like career of ambition,—the Cabinet of a Minister of State. He is, or thinks to be, sure of that as soon as his friend shall have become Emperor. They two are to establish the Republic by the force of a dictature for previous organization. Madame E. DE GIRARDIN—*ci devant* to give opera *soirées* of France—fully enters into the working of this promising imperial machinery for the conversion of a Republic under her husband's auspices. It will not be uninteresting for you to know that VICTORIA DE LAPRAIT—so she was called some years ago while writing the famous feuilleton articles (*Lettres de Paris*) for the *Press*—actually went over to Jersey, the isle of exiles, in order to gain over VICTOR HUGO. It was a visit of friendship of course, (it took place last December,) but [illegible] to be a political missive. Madame [illegible] Three of the [illegible] VICTOR HUGO, supposing something [illegible] he would be anxious, like CAESAR's wife, to keep his reputation unassailable by suspicion, asked some friends not to leave him alone while that lady remained at Jersey. However that may be—and I am pretty well informed on the subject—Madame DE GIRARDIN ventured at last to come out, *before others*, with what was intended but for the author of NAPOLEON the Little. She said all that I have related above in respect to the heir presumptive, who, she insisted, was a very good boy and means honestly with Democracy, firmly resolved to be the founder of the Republic. One of the Poet's sons remarked on this, as I am told, that "the world will purely thank *Monsieur GIRARDIN for such a great fact.*" As to VICTOR HUGO himself, he declared that he would never enter France again unless it be a Republic, and even then he would examine first what sort of a *Republic* it be. *He will be glad, if JEROME's son* should prove what he is promised to become, and repudiate a legacy smelling of blood and perjury; but he that VICTOR HUGO, must first see these good things to believe in Napoleonic honesty. Such was the result of Madame E. DE GIRARDIN's *mission*, for it was a mission, and a double-barreled one, *as I am told, its aim having been to gain a partisan for the next Emperor, and to create better* feelings towards the present one. NAPOLEON III. would, indeed, readily forgive and pardon VICTOR HUGO for all the *chatiments* he received at his branding pen, if only the Poet would consent to *add to the* "lustre of his reign" by returning home, and to be classed with "the literary geniuses of the Napoleonic *era*." He would not be desired to write in glorification of, nor even to be reconciled to, the imperial rule; all that he is wanted to do is *to be* in France, for that *the exile of such a man* shall not be an eternal protest of genius against the pretensions to greatness and respectability of successful crime, adored by the servile part of all ranks. NAPOLEON III. has a special desire to be looked upon as the great protector of sciences and arts, of literature and industry. He is anxious to go down to posterity a LOUIS XIV. of his house; but his *regime*, like his uncle's, seems not to second his wishes The imperial soil, drained by December bloodshed, is barren of genius. It produces mediocrity peeping on tiptoes, and looking tall over a vegetation of earth-creeping parasites, but greatness it has none to rest the admiring eye upon. The Empire is soared over by birds of prey and sang by impudent sparrows, but the melodious nightingales have flown, or, if any of them remain, they have become listless and mute. A war may be had, votes may be had, millions may be had—genius remains at a distance; or it keeps silent lest it should be made a parade of for the glory of him who betrayed his country, broke his oath and murdered the dignity of his nation. How this NAPOLEON courted the support of *genius was fully demonstrated by the eagerness* with which ARAGO has, on his refusal to take the oath of fidelity towards him, been notified that no oath is required *of him*—a resolution that signified that the republican astronom is right to consider the Emperor a man to whom no honest man can promise any allegiance.

There is no possibility of guessing what the next future will be, but that the Napoleonic dynasty, in which even the next succession to the throne—and what throne?—is open to so much doubt and intrigue as we see them displayed before our eyes, will not take root in France's volcanic soil, may safely be prophesied.

Rents and Real Estate.

The posters, "To Let," were never so numerous in this City as since the first of February. During the extreme depression of 1841-'43, they were, perhaps, as numerous, in proportion to population and the number of buildings. The May moving will be a busier *time than usual, from present appearances*. It will leave more tenements vacant than usual, unless landlords come to their proper *senses, meanwhile. They may possibly calculate* that because money grows easier in Wall-street, the times will be better—much more encouraging to ambitious young jobbers and aspiring young housekeepers—by the month of May. But they were never more mistaken. Money grows easy mainly because enterprise languishes; because trade has been cut short; because five and eight thousand dollar Broadway rents are to be abandoned, and because the business public have been brought to a realizing sense of the folly of sustaining a fictitious state of values, and an unreal fabric of what has been facetiously called a *high* state of prosperity. We have battled against this species of infatuation and extravagance *for years past*—faithfully, if not successfully. Success we scarce dared to hope for, while the oldest and ablest heads of the town seemed to be turned by the condition of things in 1852-'53. The warning was put on record from a sense of duty—not from a conviction that it would or could *then* stay the evil. Sad individual reverses and experience could only do this work. They have both come, though not in the desperate form of 1837. Let us be thankful that the times are no harder, but let us not stay the mission of correction and reform. Many leading interests of trade and finance have nearly or quite passed through the fiery ordeal. Their values have been brought down even below a just cash standard; their magnitude, in some instances, lessened to a degree not called for by the real wants and ability of the country. The landlords and real estate speculators—the two classes, if not always combined in the same individual, combining together in motive—have partially escaped the crisis. They had hoped to do so altogether. They still hope to recover *dry footing*, so as to be out of reach of the now subsiding storm, and to be the first to demand a return to the high pressure values of 1853, from which, indeed, they have scarcely consented to yield ground. They will be disappointed. They ought to be disappointed. It would be best, in the long run, for substantial property-holders, unembarrassed by mortgage and other liens, and not run mad by speculation, that it should be so.

We have been accused of "bearing" Real Estate and Rents unjustly. It is not so. We make no war upon *bona fide* landlords, as a class, or individually. Our aim has been to arrest a species of speculation, but less unreasonable than the late railway mania, and which ought to have been given up, but was not, at the same time. A healthy and remunerative condition of trade, to say nothing of its activity, cannot be restored in this City without a radical change in rents in the permanent thoroughfares of business and in the dwelling-house sections of the Island. This change will be tested by the first of May. The down-town tenants, particularly about Wall-street, it was noticed in our last, have taken into the situation. Other landlords will follow. There are houses and offices enough, and to spare, to accommodate all classes of business people. Over one hundred and fifty new offices have been prepared in the vicinity of the Merchant's Exchange, for the first of May, or will be ready earlier if wanted. Warehouses for jobbers and wholesale grocers, and shops for retailers and tradespeople have largely multiplied within the past year or two, all over town, while the inducements to occupy them, under dear rents, have lessened, and the revulsion of business has actually cut short the number of old tenants, without opening the way to new ones.

To every one interested in sustaining high rents, as real estate dealers, who may have thought us unreasonable or pertinacious on this subject, we have afforded free scope, in our own columns to reply. The first communication was in the shape of a plea for Brooklyn property, which we had not directly referred to. It told its own story, and afforded at the same time its own refutation. It was directly absurd in its positions and beneath criticism as an argument. The next was from a City correspondent "M,"—landlord of course—a few days ago, insisting that present rentals scarcely pay simple interest on a "fair valuation" of the property. What is meant by "*fair valuation*," is ably and practically illustrated by another correspondent,—a tenant avowedly—who replies through this morning's paper. The *modus operandi* of exaggerating Real Estate values, which he exposes, in a case coming within his own experience, would seem to leave little room for further argument on the reform of oppressive rents.

Staten Island Ferry.

The lease of Whitehall-slip, which has been held by a few monopolists, terminates on the 1st of May next. For the last thirty years, the proprietors of the Ferry have, by fair means or otherwise, succeeded in renewing their lease privately, about seven years each term, at from four hundred to a thousand dollars. The Legislature recently passed a law by which Ferry leases are to be sold for *ten years, subject to conditions. The profits of* the Ferry are believed to be over fifty thousand dollars a year. For many years, Mr. VANDERBILT has been the sole proprietor, having added to his fortune from this source, as is believed, over a million of dollars. A year or so ago, he sold the Ferry, with the water grants, boats, real estate, &c., &c., to GEORGE LAW and four others, for six hundred thousand dollars. During the whole thirty years it has been one of the worst conducted Ferries within the City limits, the only ruling principle being to get as much out of the Ferry as possible, with the least possible expense. The present proprietors, besides the lease on the New-York side, have secured all the eastern shore of Staten Island from VANDERBILT's dock, including Stapleton and the Quarantine, round to New-Brighton, a distance of two miles; no boat or vessel except their own can land passengers on this thickly-settled part of the Island. The people of the Island have, one and all, without a dissenting voice, been *loud and long in expressing their complaints*. The boats, with one exception, are old, weak, uncomfortable, and slow—far behind the age. The fare, particularly for freight, is of the most exorbitant character, regulated only by the cupidity of the proprietors. Opposition boats have been put on that would have regulated the whole matter, but having no place to run to, either on the Island or on the City, they were obliged to give up after the expenditure and loss of a large amount of money. In addition to Tompkinsville, (Quarantine,) and Stapleton, a new portion of the Island at Clifton, has sprung up; this section being delightfully situated, embracing the telegraph station and the Narrows, has been settled *most rapidly, and has now its churches*, schools, good roads and every convenience for the inhabitants. This section of the Island, most of the inhabitants of which resort daily to the City, is without a ferry, although they have the best docks and deepest water on the Island, and must continue without a ferry until the Corporation appropriate suitable docks in the City, which they cannot or will not do. This being the condition of things the people of Clifton have to travel one or two miles through the storms of Winter and the heat of Summer to the ferry or points dictated by the monopolists. The people of Clifton, as well as those of other parts of the Island, call on the Comptroller to insert in his conditions of sale of the Whitehall slip a clause compelling the purchasers of the lease to run their boats with the same regularity to one of the docks at Clifton as they do to Vanderbilt Landing, Stapleton, and the Quarantine. This requirement is not too much now, and in five years hence even greater facilities will be needed.

Amusements.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.—The leading event of the week is the reappearance, for three nights only, of GEZZI and MARIO prior to their departure for Europe. The first of these farewell performances comes off to-morrow evening, on which occasion "I Puritani" will be given. Mr. HAGHETT has acted wisely in reducing the prices to one dollar (and fifty cents for reserving seats.) Numbers will avail themselves of this final opportunity of hearing two of the greatest living artistes.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—"Town and Country," (in which BLAKE sustains one of his best characters) and "A Lady and Gentleman, in a Peculiarly Perplexing Predicament," to-night.

To-morrow Mr. JOHN BROUGHAM takes his benefit. There is no member of this or any other company more thoroughly deserving of the public's geniality than this versatile, talented and excellent gentleman. There will, we hope, be a crowded house.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—"Cinderella" will be given to-night for the last time but two. With this week omitted, we are sorry to say, the present engagement of the PEER and HARRISON troupe. Those who would hear the "Skylark" must not defer their opportunities.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—The very popular New-York play of the "Upper Ten and Lower Twenty" will be performed to-night—and to-night only—after which the farce of the "Seasons of Courtship." To-morrow, the new play called the "Player's Fee," (said to be written by the gentleman who perpetrated "Words and Flowers" at Wallack's,) will be performed.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM.—Afternoon, "The Dumb Man of Manchester." Evening, "The Orphans of Geneva" and "Poor Pillicoddy."

BUCKLEY'S ORPHEA HOUSE, No. 539 Broadway.—One of the best musical burlesques ever brought out here, "Lucrezia Borgia," will be revived to-night. Preceding the Opera there will be an Ethiopian entertainment.

GEORGE CHRISTY & WOOD'S MINSTRELS, No. 472 Broadway.—Admirable entertainments and plenty of fun there for those who seek them in connection with burnt cork.

Musical.

The programme for the Opera season of Messrs. OLE BULL & Co., at the Academy of Music, will be found in our advertising columns. The season opens a week from this evening, 19th inst.

Items.

The rehearsals of "Rigoletto" are actively continued at the Academy of Music. In addition to the tenor and baritone, whose engagement we have before announced, the well-known *basso*, MARINI, has been engaged. In the non-arrival of the artists engaged in Europe by MAURICE STRAKOSCH and MAPLESON's former agent, (Mr. ULLMAN,) the female roles will be taken by Mesdames MARETZEK and STRAKOSCH, and Signori ROCCO and COLLETTI will also assist. The ability of the management, and the reasonable tariff of prices, promise an excellent season of Opera. Mad. GAZZI and Signor MARIO, it is announced, will give three operatic representations and one concert in New-York previous to their departure for Europe.

OUR SAN FRANCISCO correspondent, under date of Jan. 16, writes: "It is, to me pretty evident that this city cannot support two theatres in the present dull times; and as the Metropolitan is closed, and Mr. NEAFIE and his company at the American daily becoming more popular. I entertain but little doubt that his will eventually become THE THEATRE of San Francisco, and the only one profitably patronized. A new local burlesque, by JAMES SIMMONDS and ROBERT F. GENELEY, entitled 'The Lady Killer,' has just been brought out at the American. Miss JULIA PELBY plays the hero of the piece. The main feature in it is what purports to be a correct representation of the 'Baby Show' which has been mentioned to come off this month. 'Robert the Devil,' translated and dramatized from MEYERBEER into English, has also had a run at the American, in the management of which house Mr. N. has associated himself with Mr. HARRY SEDLEY. The Metropolitan, which had been closed for repairs, reopened a few days ago for the benefit of Mr. BOSCHA, when 'Robert le Diable,' 'in all its awful splendor,' as the bills had it, was produced. It had been for two or three weeks in rehearsal, and drew a full house. The Buckes and Christy Minstrels have gone to Sacramento, but will return as soon as their hall has been repaired and refitted. NEAFIE, since my last, has played 'Jack Cade,' 'Mohammed,' &c."—*Sunday Times.*

TOM PLACIDE has appeared at the Pelican Theatre, New-Orleans, and was most rapturously received. BOUCICAULT and Miss AGNES ROBERTSON were at the theatre at last accounts, and he was to produce some of his original pieces, stolen from the French.

It is said that Mr. WILLARD, late of the Metropolitan Theatre in this City, intends opening the Howard Athenæum, Boston, with a company principally composed of the late company of the Metropolitan. Mr. KEAN is to play a star engagement of two weeks, to be followed by G. C. CHARLES and sister.

Miss KATE SAXON has gone to Charleston, S. C., with SLOAN, engaged for the leading business. We were in error last week in stating that Mrs. AMELIA PARKER was engaged for that situation.

Mr. McKEAN BUCHANAN is announced to appear this week at the National Theatre, Boston.

Mr. DAVENPORT, of the Broadway Theatre, has been elected Director of the Dramatic Fund Society, in room of Mr. CHARLES FISHER.

JOHN BROUGHAM is engaged in writing a new Comedy in five acts for WALLACK.

The *Sunday Courier* brings to light the following remarkable case of dramatic larceny. Something of the same kind has been alleged before:

"SCRIBE—we mean AUGUSTINE EUGENE SCRIBE, the French dramatist, &c.—is, after DUMAS, notoriously the greatest literary pilferer and jobber in the world. He has produced a fabulous number, in conjunction with others, some twenty-five or thirty, comedies, over one hundred and fifty vaudevilles, some forty grand and more than one hundred comic operas, besides several novels. Many of these have been purchased from unknown authors, altered and brought out by SCRIBE as his own. But one of his greatest literary impositions has just come to light, through the production at Burton's of an original American play in three acts entitled 'Our Son,' written by Mr. MORRIS BARRETT, the accomplished author of the 'Serious Family.' The scene is laid at Washington, and the intriguing and wire-pulling of American political life form the staple of the plot.

On the 29th of January, 1857, SCRIBE produced in Paris a five act comedy entitled '*La Camaraderie ou La Coterie Literaire*,' pretending to show up the political corruption then existing under the rule of LOUIS PHILIPPE—of assisted memory—in which the entire plot, scenes, characters, and even language, are stolen from Mr. MORRIS BARRETT's play of "Our Son." In evidence, we give the dramatic personæ of both pieces, side by side:

FRENCH.	AMERICAN.
Lucente de Mirmont, a Peer of France.	The Hon. Mr. Waverer, U. S. Senator.
Caroline, his wife.	Mrs. Waverer, his wife.
Agatha, his daughter by a former marriage.	Rosine, his daughter by a former marriage.
Edmond de Vaucourt, a young lawyer.	Vivian Meldon, a counsellor.
M. de Montlouer, a literary Peer.	Mr. Ignatius Poodle, a literary character.
Zoe, his wife.	Mrs. Poodle, his wife.
Bernadel, a physician.	Dr. Lacquer, a Washington wire puller.
Oscar Rigaud, cousin of Caroline.	Sapperton Snobbill, Esq., cousin of Mrs. Waverer.
Duvillet, a publisher.	Mr. Trickey, a publisher.
Saint Salvre, a romantic poet.	Owen Langdon Weaver, a poet.
Delveneuse, a painter.	Sylvester Daub, an artist.
Lucenet, } Camarades,	Sheldon, Mr. Asyndin,
Savignac, } Camarades,	Captain Blank,
Foulgas,	Williams, &c., (of Our Set.)
Domestics, &c.	

The same striking likenesses pervades the whole play, with the exception that Scribe has expanded it to five *instead of three acts, as in the original.*

We have done too little in the way of an original national drama to be able to lose the credit of a single three act play; and we are sorry that the accomplished author of the 'Serious Family' should have allowed so long a time to elapse, before he so justly claimed his own; and we still more regret that he has done so, in such a quiet, gentlemanly way, without stigmatizing the conduct of Mr. AUGUSTINE EUGENE SCRIBE in the terms which it so richly merits.

Anniversary of the Church Charity Foundation of Brooklyn.

The third anniversary meeting of the Church Charity Foundation of Brooklyn, was held last evening in the Church of the Holy Trinity, corner of Clinton and Montague-streets, Brooklyn. Bishop POTTER presided. The services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. SCHROEDER, GUION, LEWIS and others, after which Rev. Mr. HASKINS read the annual report, from which we gather the following items: Since the date of the last report the Home for aged and indigent females had received nine additional inmates, whilst during the same period three of the inmates had left. The number remaining and supported by the foundation is sixteen.

The Society have also a home for the reception of orphans and destitute children, in which there are at present eighteen who receive their support and education. Two of the children have died during the year, and were buried in the Cemetery of the Evergreens. The Foundation have therefore a total of thirty-five beneficiaries on their hands. The Treasurer's report shows the amount of money received:

From all sources	$1,911 61
The expenditures are as follows:	
On account of Home for Aged Females	$441 30
On account of Home for Orphans	602 75
Rent	700 00
	$1,646 05
Leaving a balance due Treasurer of	$265 24

Rev. Dr. TAYLOR, of Grace Church, New York, preached an eloquent and appropriate discourse from 1 Cor. xiii. chap., 13th verse,—after which Rev. Dr. VINTON and Bishop POTTER shortly addressed the audience. In the course of his remarks, Mr. VINTON stated that the Foundation had received a donation of 16 lots in Brooklyn, upon which it was proposed to erect the buildings necessary to carry out the object of the charity, as soon as a sufficient amount of funds could be raised. A collection was made for the benefit of the Society.

This is Bishop POTTER's first official visit to the Churches in Brooklyn, and he expressed himself much gratified that it should have taken place on so interesting an occasion.

Death of a Veteran Printer.

The telegraph on Saturday announced the death on Friday of Mr. HENRY ROCHER, of Boston, aged 68 years, formerly publisher of the Worcester *Ægis*, a veteran practical printer, and father to the proprietors of the Boston *Daily Bee* and *Mr. Rocher's commercial* printing business when about 14 years of age, and continued in it, filling various positions of trust, to within a very short time of his death—a period of some [illegible] years. His indomitable perseverance and persistence in working at the business, against the wishes of his friends, had won for him an enviable reputation for industry. His death is truly mourned by a large circle of friends.

Alleged Robbery of Gold Dust—The Charge not Sustained.

On Friday morning last a returned Australian named LEIGHS came to the Mayor's Office and preferred a complaint against a down-town money broker, whom he charged with abstracting a quantity of his gold dust. In his affidavit he stated that on the 9th day of February he went to a broker's office in Wall-street and asked what they were giving for gold. Several men were in the office, and they said they gave nineteen dollars and something over, the exact amount he did not remember. He said he could not sell at that price, and they finally agreed to give him twenty dollars an ounce for the gold. The deponent, and two others persons who went there with him, then handed the gold to a man behind the counter to be weighed. Upon weighing the gold belonging to the deponent, he declared there was 61 ounces and 6 pennyweight of gold. There were two men behind the counter, and one of them declared that he could not give that price for the gold. The deponent then took his gold to an office in Greenwich-street, having been induced to go there by a man whom he met at the door of the office in Wall-street. This man told him he would there get twenty dollars an ounce. Here his gold was weighed by a man who turned his back to the owner of it, and he could not see him weigh it. The man then told him there was but 45 ounces and 11 pennyweight of gold in the bag. Deponent replied that there was more, but the man then weighed it on the counter before him. He saw that sixteen ounces of his gold had disappeared. The broker finally concluded not to buy the gold.

On Saturday afternoon, the accused parties appeared before the Mayor, and the case was thoroughly investigated. In order to correctly ascertain how much gold was missing, a police officer was forthwith dispatched to the Express Office of Messrs. ADAMS & Co. with the treasure, where it was re-weighed, and found to weigh the original amount. The complainants were satisfied of their error, and the Mayor dismissed the charge, and discharged the parties, who had been wrongfully accused.

Snowball Fire-works.

Several exciting scenes were witnessed in various parts of the City, respecting snowball, some with the old and young. Some persons received "*black eyes*," others had their faces cut with pieces of ice. Annexed are the particulars of several assaults committed in the manner above described: An aged lady, named Mrs. WILKINSON, was getting out of her sleigh, at the corner of Prince-st. and Broadway, when some mischievous boy threw a snow-ball, which struck her directly in the face and cut her cheek badly. A man named THOMAS, riding alone in his sleigh up Chatham-street on Saturday morning, received a severe blow on the side of his head, which rendered him insensible for half an hour. He was removed to the drug store of LATTING & Co., and with great difficulty was restored to consciousness. A girl, about 12 years old, riding in one of KIRK & BRAMAN's sleighs, was struck in the breast by a hard-packed snow-ball. Her injury was so severe that her friend was obliged to remove her home. In neither of these instances was any arrest made.

Another Plan for the City Hall.

We have been shown drawings and elevations of a plan for the New City Hall, prepared by Messrs. DOLTON and SCHULTZE. They propose to leave the present City Hall intact—to place on Chambers-street a building similar to it, connecting them by a building 175 feet long, surmounted by a tower 150 feet high, and fronting on Broadway with a portico of 75 feet—the whole resting back from Broadway about 200 feet, forming a quadrangle, enclosed by a double colonnade and gateway fronting towards Centre-street. The plan will be left with Mr. VALENTINE, the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

A Challenge that Violates no Laws.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In answer to the communication signed "J. H." in your Saturday's issue, all I have to say in reply is, the assertion made by me at the Tabernacle on Monday evening I can clearly prove, and am ever ready to do so, not in a newspaper account, but upon the American Boards. And I hereby challenge "J. H." to meet me in public debate and prove my assertions unfounded.

DANIEL WALFORD, No. 265 Seventh-avenue.

The Hernandez Case.

FRANCISCO E. HERNANDEZ, the young Spaniard whose case has recently made so much stir in the papers, has commenced a suit in the United States District Court against Mr. STOUGHTON, the Spanish Consul, and Mr. CARNOVELI, for false imprisonment in their recent effort to carry him off to Cuba. A next friend was appointed in his behalf, and CARNOVELI was held to bail in the sum of $2,000. Mr. STOUGHTON was absent from the City.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SILKS! SILKS!! SILKS!!! AT COLUMBIAN HALL, No. 385 Grand-st. 200 pieces rich Brocade Silks, from 75 cents to $1 25, worth 5s. and 6s per yard; 100 pieces Harlequin and Satin Plaids, from 6c. to 25c. per yard, cheap as 12 cents; to $1 25, of the most fashionable patterns; 200 pieces Plaids, Stripes and Checks, Silks, from 25 cents to $1 25, worth 6s. and 10s. per yard; 200 high-lustered Black Gros de Naples and Italian Silks, from 37 cents to $1 25. Great reductions in price have been made to most items.

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DEALERS IN CLOTHING VISITING NEW-YORK this week, are respectfully invited to examine a portion of the stock of Clothing, Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, &c., &c., now in store, and to be sold at auction, from the 15th to the 20th inst., inclusive, which for variety, style and excellence, are worthy of the attention of the trade. While the importers of the goods are selling their interest, they will also dispose of a portion of their own stock, we have sold considerably at auction, and have made a market for goods and fabrics, to manufacturers, a market, good enough for them to come from all parts of the country to buy goods. Our sales are made for cash, and we can afford to sell cheap. Our sales are made for cash, and we can afford to sell cheap.

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R. G. HERRING, Esq., NEW-YORK, Green-Block, Park-row, SIR: We take pleasure in informing you that the safe we purchased of you, [illegible] Our [illegible] safe, was preserved uninjured in the late fire, which destroyed our premises. [illegible] to the public.

LACOM & BROTHER.

LINENS, DAMASKS!! LINEN SHEETINGS!!—Just received from Ireland, 1000 pieces Linen Damasks, at 50 to 75 cents per yard, worth double; 500 dozen Linen Sheetings, all widths, at 25 cents per yard, worth double. Also, 1000 pieces Linen Damasks, just received and for sale by the piece, at the lowest price. Also, 1000 pieces Linen Damasks, just received and for sale by the piece, at the lowest price.

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DR. CONSTABLE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS, THURSDAY NEXT, the 15th inst., will be sold at the Store of Mr. [illegible] Broadway, [illegible] Dr. Constable's celebrated Liver Pills, [illegible] large boxes of 1 doz. each.

DR. CONSTABLE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS.

Impending Ruin from Over-Zealous Agents.

From the Philadelphia Gazette, Feb. 6.

The Hon. Charles W. Upham:

DEAR SIR: Every scientific man in this country has been watching with intense interest the proceedings of the Smithsonian Institution ever since its foundation, and—dead, as all must be, this year, to prosperity the progress of science in America demands in a very great measure. The controversies which have lately been carried on respecting the management of the institution have increased the solicitude of its friends with regard to its future prospects in a degree which can hardly be realized by those who are not immediately connected with the government of science.

Any foreigner, who has enjoyed but for a few years the privilege of adding his small share to support the powerful impulse which scientific investigation have lately received from those who are the native representatives of science in America, I have then far sufficient from taking any part in this discussion, for fear of being charged with meddling in matters in which I have no concern. There is, however, one feature of the institution itself which may, I trust, justify the step I have taken in addressing you upon this subject as the chairman of the committee elected by the House of Representatives to investigate the proceedings of that establishment.

With the exception of a few indirect allusions, I do not see that any inference is made in the discussion now going on to the indisputable fact that the Smithsonian Institution is not an American institution. It was originated by the liberality of a high-minded English gentleman, intrusting his fortune to the United States to found in Washington an institution *to increase and diffuse knowledge among men*. America, in accepting the trust, has obtained the exclusive management of the most important and most richly endowed scientific institution in the world; but it is at the same time responsible to the scientific world at large for the successful prosecution of the object of the trust, which is to *increase* and *diffuse* knowledge among men.

Even if not for this universal character of the institution, I would not think it becoming in me to offer any suggestion with regard to it. As it is, I feel a double interest in its prosperity—in the first place, as an institution destined to foster the progress of science at large, and without reference to nationalities or local interests, and next, as more immediately connected with the advancement of science in the country of my adoption.

The votaries of science may differ in their views about the best means of advancing science, according to the progress they have themselves made in its prosecution; but there is one standard of appreciation which cannot fail to guide rightly those who would form a candid opinion about it. I mean the lives of those who have most extensively contributed in enlarging the boundaries of knowledge.

There are two individuals who may, without qualification, be considered the most prominent scientific men of the nineteenth century—CUVIER and HUMBOLDT. By what means have they given such powerful impulse to science? How have they succeeded not only in increasing the amount of knowledge of their age, but also in founding new branches of science? It is by their own publications and by aiding in the publications of others; by making large collections of specimens and other scientific apparatus and not by the accumulation of large libraries. HUMBOLDT never owned a book, *not even a copy of his own works*, as I know from his own lips. "He was too poor," he once said to me, "to secure a copy of them;" and all the works he receives constantly from his scientific friends are distributed by him to needy students.

Again, there is hardly a scientific man living on the Continent of Europe, who is not indebted to him for some recommendations in the proper quarter for assistance in the publication of their works. I mention more particularly these details about HUMBOLDT, because he is happily still among the living, and his testimony may be asked in a matter of such deep importance to the real progress of science. But the same is equally true of the part CUVIER took in his day in promoting science. All his efforts were constantly turned towards increasing the collection of the *Jardin des Plantes*, and supporting the publication of original researches, giving himself the example of the most untiring activity in publishing his own. In this connection, I might not to omit mentioning a circumstance to which the United States exchanges for the legacy of SMITHSON, which I happen accidentally to know, and which is much to the point, in reference to the controversy concerning the management of the Smithsonian Institution.

SMITHSON had already made his will, and left his fortune to the Royal Society of London, when certain scientific papers were offered to that learned body for publication. Notwithstanding his efforts to have them published in their transactions, they were refused; upon which he changed his will and made his bequest to the United States. It would be easy to collect in London more minute information upon this circumstance, and should it appear desirable, I think I could put the committee in the way of learning all the circumstances. Nothing seems to me to indicate more plainly what were the testator's views regarding the best means of promoting science than this fact.

I will not deny the great importance of libraries, and no one has felt more keenly the want of an extensive scientific library than I have since I have been in the United States; but, after all, libraries are only tools of a secondary value to those who are really endowed by nature with the power of making original researches, and thus increasing knowledge among men. And though the absence of deficiency of libraries is nowhere so deeply felt as in America, the application of the funds of the Smithsonian Institution to the formation of a library, *based the requirements of the daily progress of science*, would, I say, be, in my humble opinion, a perversion of the real object of the trust, inasmuch as it would lead to secure facilities only to the comparatively small number of American students who may have the time and means to visit Washington when they wish to consult a library. Such an application of the funds would indeed lessen the ability of the Smithsonian Institution to accomplish the great object, which is declared by its founder to be the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men, to the full extent to which they may be capable, to increase unduly the library.

I am, therefore, in conclusion, to state my personal impression regarding the management of the Institution thus far. I wished only express my concurrence with the plan of active operations adopted by the regents, which has led to the publication of a series of volumes, equal in scientific value to any production of the same kind issued by learned societies anywhere.

The distribution of the Smithsonian contributions to knowledge has already carried the name of the Institution to all parts of the civilized world, and conveyed with them such evidence of the intellectual activity of America as challenges everywhere admiration; a result which could hardly be obtained by applying the resources of the Institution to other purposes. I am, &c., &c.

LOUIS AGASSIZ.

Suffering, Starvation, and Death of Paupers.

From the Pittsburg Gazette, Feb. 6.

Those who are blessed with a competency of the "good things of this life," are apt to imagine all the rest of the world in a like condition. While we sit down to tables of plenty, we forget that there are sad tragedies of sorrow and death being enacted all around us. Only when the horrid truth is made plain before our eyes do we fully realize how good a thing it is to have a sufficiency of food and clothing, a proper shelter, friendly hands to care for us, and hearts to love us.

A few days ago we mentioned a sad case of destitution which had come to light in Allegheny. The story of three families' sorrows touched a tender chord in many a heart, and promising that our readers would be glad to hear more of them, we have obtained, as near as possible, the entire history of the case.

Three families, consisting of four men, four women, and thirteen children, left Germany for the New-World. On the voyage two of the women died. On landing in New-York, a portion of the large party of emigrants on the ship were sent back as paupers. The four families, having a small sum of money, was allowed to land. Having come in this route, they determined to proceed inland. During their journey hither, they were in the vicinity of food, and starving daughter died in the vicinity of the station. The survivors were therefore poorly housed, and had to depend on charity for food. Some days ago, they were all sick, and destitute of fuel and clothing, daughter died, and only one was able to attend to the sick. Their condition was discovered by some charitable people, who visited them in their wretchedness, and relieved them in their extreme destitution. They are now in the hands of the Benevolent Society of Allegheny, where the children are being cared for.

The children were the most severely affected by the sufferings which they had undergone. Their heads were so swollen that they could not see, and it was at first thought they were attacked by the measles. It proved, however, to be an eruptive disease, caused solely by cold and starvation. Their limbs were frost-bitten, and there they lay in agony upon the floor, without clothing, food, bedding or fuel. The men were also groaning with pain, having denied themselves food in order to divide what morsel they had among their children. The women were suffering terribly too—their breasts and shoulders being perfectly raw and bleeding with the intense frost. In this condition the ladies referred to found them. Physicians were called, bedding, clothing, food and fuel obtained, and a room rented where they would be more comfortable.

The services of proper attendants were also procured. But the delicate forms of the little sufferers had experienced too severe a shock. On Sunday, the 28th, two of them were buried. Another day of last week saw two more laid in the silent grave. Thanks to the exertions of the physicians and others, the rest have been spared and are now in a fair way of recovery, except one of the men, who seems most heroically to have deprived himself of food during his journey from New-York, in order to supply the wants of his little ones. He has been taken to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, but his recovery is doubtful.

The remaining nine children have been adopted by different German families residing in the neighborhood. We did not learn what disposition has been made of the other adults. We hope, however, that their fellow-countrymen in that quarter of the city will fully attend to all their wants, and assist them to obtain employment, if possible.

Such is the story of these families of paupers.

REWARD FOR THE MISSING YOUNG LADY OF ROCHESTER.—Sheriff WOODWORTH has offered a reward of $1,000 for the recovery of the body of Miss EMMA MOORE, who is supposed to have been murdered, and the arrest of her murderer or those who were instrumental in her death. The offer is to extend one year from date, and half the sum is to be paid for the finding of the remains, and half for the arrest of the criminals, if such there are. The missing woman disappeared some three months since, and for a long time active efforts were made to trace out the course which was taken by abductors, (if she was really taken off,) or to penetrate the mystery which enveloped her sudden and altogether unexplained disappearance.—*Rochester Democrat, Feb. 7.*

AN EXPECTED FLOOD.—The heavy fall of snow with which the country about Chicago has been visited, gives rise to apprehensions of a flood, there in the Spring. In 1840, Chicago was visited with a flood, and $120,000 in property destroyed. Besides that, many lives were sacrificed. The water swept away bridges, and flooded the city. Now the snow is very deep, and if it should melt suddenly, or a heavy rain should fall, a more disastrous flood, it is feared, would ensue.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ Rushton's Cod Liver Oil—For Consumption, coughs, colds, scrofula, diseases, &c., &c., only prepared by FREDERICK V. RUSHTON, son of the late Wm. L. Rushton, originator and senior partner of the late firm of Rushton, Clark & Co. The late firm having been dissolved by its own limitation, I beg leave to announce to its patrons and the public generally that I will carry on the business in all its branches, at the old establishment, No. 10 Astor-House and No. 417 Broadway. Possessing the original recipes of the various popular medicines of the late Wm. L. Rushton, and of all the firms he originated and was senior partner of, and having obtained my knowledge of preparing them from him, I feel that I can safely claim for them the same character for superiority and purity for which they always have been noted. Caution—In purchasing or ordering be careful to specify Rushton's, and see that my name is in full on each label, and my signature over the cork of the cod liver oil, as there are several spurious articles in the market claiming to be genuine Rushton's. Without my name none will be genuine. FREDERICK V. RUSHTON, No. 10 Astor-House, corner of Barclay-st., and No. 417 Broadway, corner of Canal-st., Brandreth's House.

☞ Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Plants.—including everything necessary to the Garden, Greenhouse, Nursery and Orchard, with all the recent introductions, at very low rates. Descriptive price Catalogues gratis. Catalogs paid to New-York. Ornamental and other planting done in any part of the country. Address R. M. WATSON 204 College-Nurseries, Plymouth, Mass.

☞ The Russian Sudor—25 Cents a Box.—A Russian remedy of 30 years' standing—a sure and speedy cure for Bunions, Corns, Boils, and all external injuries; recommended by physicians. Sold by all druggists in the United States. A. B. & D. SANDS, N. Y.; CHAS. MCKEON, Philadelphia; and BEDDING & CO., Boston.

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☞ Lectures in the French Language.—Spingler Institute Lectures Room, 387 Broadway.—The second Six Lectures on the *History and Literature of the French* will be delivered on Thursday of each week, by ELIE CHARLIER, of Paris, Professor of the French language in Hunter's Institution; to commence on THURSDAY, Feb. 15, at 8 o'clock P. M.

SUBJECTS:

1. *France in the 14th Century—Les Croisades.*
2. *France in the 16th Century—Jeanne d'Arc.*
3. *France in the 16th Century—La Réforme.*
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5. *France in the 18th Century—Voltaire et son Temps.*

Course tickets, $2 50; single tickets, 25 cents; to be had at LOCKWOOD'S, No. 411 Broadway; 46 CHRISTERNS, No. 193 Broadway, or at the door.

"We take much pleasure in commending this course to students and lovers of the French language. Professor Charlier's character and attainments entitle him to the confidence and regard of every community.

"GORHAM D. ABBOTT, Principal."

☞ Mercantile Library Association.—This Institution now comprises upwards of 42,000 volumes, to which additions of interesting and valuable works are constantly making. The Reading Rooms are liberally supplied with newspapers and periodicals. They are open daily from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. The Library closes at 9 P. M. Terms to Clerks are $1 initiation fee, and $1 semi-annual dues. All others, $3 initiation fee, and $3 semi-annual dues. The Reading Room only can be opened upon payment of $3 a year, in advance.

GEO. S. PATTERSON, Jr., Recording Secretary.

Merchants and others are respectfully requested to observe the benefits which will result to young men in their employ by making them members of this Association.

☞ Emigrant Intelligence Office and Labor Exchange is Removed from No. 27 Canal-st. to the corner of Centre and Canal-sts., New-York. The Office is established by the Commissioners of Emigration, where can always be found large numbers of Emigrants, persons at very low rates of wages, and persons can have their orders filled by writing to the Superintendent, and sending the amount necessary to pay the passage of the parties required. No fees charged to employers.

JAMES F. FAGAN, Superintendent.

☞ Twelfth Anti-Slavery Lecture.—At the Tabernacle, TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 13, at 7½ o'clock, by Rev. SAMUEL J. MAY, of Syracuse, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Ballou, unable to fulfil his engagement for this night, Mr. May (who is an excellent speaker) will take for his subject, *The Rise and Progress of the Anti-Slavery Movement since 1826.* The topic is one which he is peculiarly qualified, both from experience and observation, to treat in an interesting manner.

☞ The Baptist Historical Society.—The first regular Monthly Meeting of the Society will be held in the Lecture room of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3rd-av., (opposite Astor-place,) on THIS (Monday) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, when the usual business will be transacted, and a paper on *"The Early History of the Baptists in New-York,"* will be read by the President, D. T. VALENTINE, Esq. The public is invited to attend.

☞ Mercantile Society Lectures, 1854-5.—SECOND COURSE.—Commencing at 7½ o'clock.

Feb. 12—R. S. STORRS, JR., D. D.—*Work and its Instruments.*

Feb. 19—W. ADAMS, D. D.—*The Model Mechanic.*

J. BUNTING, Chairman.

☞ Gulick Guard.—The Twentieth Annual Ball of the Gulick Guard will take place at the Apollo Rooms on THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 15, 1855.

JOHN CONLAND, Chairman.

GILBERT C. DEANE, Secretary.

☞ Financial.—$135 DOUCEUR.—To be given for a situation in some responsible office, where the adjuster, a gentleman of education and fair address, would have a position equal to his merits. Address for two days, COLUMBUS, Times Office.

☞ Independent Candidate for Assistant Engineer—ROBERT CONSTANTINE, of Eng. 40 Company, No. 42.

O. U. A.—GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE 22d ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF WASHINGTON, ON the 22d of February, inst.—ORATION at the *Academy of Music*, 14th-st. The patriotic observance of this day, revived by our Order into a National Holiday, will be celebrated with spirit, and all chapters and members are requested to complete and report their arrangements without delay, to avoid conflicts. For the night the Committee need to be in harmony with the times, it will, it is trusted, be fully creditable. Members of the Order throughout the State, whose chapters are not represented, are requested to unite with their brethren in the City in their sup ociate regalia. The honorable the Chancellor of Staten Isy requested to report early the number of chapters or members that will accompany them, in order that proper place in line may be assigned.

Delegates to the Convention will please be punctual in attendance on Wednesday evening.

W. W. OSBORNE, Chairman, No. 205 Grand-st.

JOS. C. BULLER, }
CHAS. M. GREENHALGH, } Secretaries.

$250 REWARD.—The New-York and Washington Printing Telegraph Company offer a reward of $250 for the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons who maliciously and feloniously cut the wires of the Company near Whitehaven, Del., on the 6th inst., and a like reward will be paid for the apprehension and conviction of each and every person who is found guilty of the same.

FRED. ALLEN, Secretary. F. BORDEN, President of the New-York and Washington Printing Telegraph Co.

FINE AND SILVER FOR SEATS.—Gentlemen can obtain Tickets for Seats and Vest, in good parlors, on THURSDAY, DEVOE, No. 1 and 3 Nassau-st.

EMBOSSING PRESS.—Wanted to purchase a large Embossing Press. Address Embossing Press in good order. Address with particulars Box No. 1,336 Post-Office.

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CANVASSERS WANTED.—A few men of the right stamp having the money, and experience, can be profitably employed in this city, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Address, post-paid, Box No. 1,029 Post-Office, New-York.

SITUATIONS WANTED.—By a neat, tidy girl of good recommendation, as general assistant in a small family of 4 or 5 persons; is a neat, plain cook, a good washer and ironer; will be kind to children, and make herself useful in a permanent situation, as she has good city and country references. Will take $3 a month, or with a lady who boards. Also, a neat young girl of 14 as children's nurse; will take $2 a month. Call or address No. 243 Ist-av., first door, back room.

SITUATION WANTED.—By a very competent Protestant woman, as cook, washer and ironer, or would do general housework for a small family; understands good cooking and baking, &c.; is a first-rate laundress, and will be found willing and obliging. Has the best of City and country references. No objection to go in the country. Apply at No. 76 2d-av., (old No. 84.)

SITUATIONS WANTED.—By two respectable young Germans, Protestants. One as cook, washer and ironer; is a first-rate baker and maker of bread; the other as chambermaid and waiter, or house and gardener. Will go together or separate, in City or country. They are highly recommended, and are disposed to make themselves generally useful. Apply at No. 281 Bowery, for two days.

SITUATION WANTED.—By a man of good business abilities as collector, salesman or general clerk. Herman comes well recommended, and gives the best of city references. Would hire his employer $300, on good security. A line addressed to A. A., *Daily Times* office, will meet with immediate attention.

SITUATION WANTED.—By a most respectable young Girl, to do general housework, in the City or country. Is a good plain cook and baker, and a first rate washer and ironer; willing and obliging to please in every respect. Has a good City reference. Please call at No. 285 Bowery, for two days.

SITUATION WANTED.—By an Englishman, as coachman and waiter, or as coachman, and to assist in washing. Has the best of City references for competency of driving and caring horses; is well acquainted with the real gentlemen cities. Apply at No. 78 2d-av., old No. 84, for two days.

YOUNG LADY WANTED.—In a military school. A German, who understands book-keeping and selling. The best of references required. Apply at No. 22 Waverley-place after 10 A. M.

TWO LADIES WANTED.—To attend in a Dry Goods store. Those that understand the business may apply at DUNN & WILLIAMSON'S, No. 169 Grand-st., Williamsburg.

WET NURSE.—A nice young healthy German woman wishes a situation as wet nurse. She will be found an acquisition to any lady. Apply at the Christian Home, No. 216 6th-av., corner 14th-st.

LAD WANTED.—In a wholesale dry good and clothing house. He should reside with his parents.

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FRENCH TEACHER WANTED.—To give evening lessons twice a week, in Brooklyn. Address, stating terms, &c., at this office, WILLIBER.

TO WATCHMAKERS.—Wanted, a very superior workman to go to Nicaragua, to whom a high salary will be paid. Address Box No. 208 Baltimore Post-Office.

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HOUSEKEEPER.—The friends of a young English lady desire for her a situation in some family, in which she can exercise a general supervision of the domestic arrangements, and of the management of the children; she has experience and unusual energy, and will be happy to make herself useful. A note addressed to M. R., this office, will receive prompt attention.

AGENTS WANTED.—To solicit orders and sell rights of our Oil Improved Patent Lightning Condensers. A moderate capital required. Proprietors Lyon Manufacturing Co., No. 7 Gold-st.

HOUSES, &c. WANTED.

FARM WANTED.—In exchange for a double house in this City. The house is situated in the westward, and is in good repair, and is valued at $4,000. Inquire and within 25 or 30 feet from Canal-st., is in the and for several years partly occupied by the owner. The farm wanted must be within 1 to 2 hours ride, by railroad or a omnibus, from the City, with good house, water, fruits &c., and containing from 40 to 70 acres. Inquire and address to H. MIGEON, No. 13 Broad-st.

WISCONSIN.—Wanted 1,000 to 2,000 acres good land, for which payment will be liberally made, for stock or grain farms, and located near Madison, or in the south of the State, in exchange for two very superior farms in Dutchess County. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Metropolitan Bank Building, Pine-st.

HOUSE WANTED.—Any one wishing to dispose of his small House, pleasantly situated in Yorkville, Brooklyn or Jersey City, if near ferry, worth from $1,500 to $2,000, please address CASH, Post Office, with full particulars as to location, price, size, &c. None but owners treated with.

HOUSE WANTED.—To hire from the 1st of May next, a small genteel dwelling house with Gas and Croton Water; situated between 8th and 9th-avs., and not above 20th-st. Address Box No. 1,421 Post-Office, stating location and price to good tenant, with a small family.

FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED.—A House neatly furnished, suitable for the accommodation of 6 to 8 persons without children. Rent must be moderate, and located not above 20th-st. Address M. E. S., at office of this paper.

PART OF A HOUSE WANTED.—A highly respectable No family from Philadelphia, are desirous of renting part of a house in the upper part of the City, commencing housekeeping, from 14th to 20th-st. preferred. References exchanged. Address J. M. F. at this office.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Wanted, on or before the 15th day of April, 300 loads street dirt; and 60 loads good loams to be delivered in the neighborhood of Stuyvesant-square. Address, stating price per load for each, HENRY, Times office.

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EAGLE HOTEL LODGINGS.—Gentlemen will do well to remember that they can obtain clean and comfortable rooms for 25 cents per night, or $1 25 and $1 50 per week, at the hotel corner of Frankfort and William-sts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the loss of the following certificates of five per cent stock of the State of New-York, viz.:

Nos. 120 and 127,	8 certificates of $5,000 each,	$40,000
351,	1 certificate of	5,000
352 and 353,	2 certificates of $4,000 each,	8,000
354 and 355,	2 certificates of $3,000 each,	6,000
		$59,000

Loan for the Genesee Valley Canal redeemable after the year 1860 in the name of Philip John Miles, of Bristol, in England, Esq., and dated June 15, 1838. Also,

Nos. 21 and 22,	2 certificates of $10,000 each,	$20,000
24,	1 certificate of	5,481
		$25,481

Loan for paying the debt and preserving the faith of the State, redeemable 1st June, 1865, in the name of John Augustus, of Woodland, Blackheath, Kent, and Westing Hall, Norfolk, in England, Esquire, and dated August 21, 1841.

Accompanied by powers of Attorney to Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. for the sale and transfer of the above.

The public are cautioned against the negotiation of the foregoing certificates, as application has been made for their renewal.

DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

LOST.—A note made by Bennett, Brown, Hall & Co., dated October 22, 1854, at eight months, payable at the St. Nicholas Bank.—No. 166, $761 56. We hereby caution the public against negotiating the same, as payment has been stopped.

GREEN & SEWELL,
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Total	$1,922 28
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Real Estate Valuation.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Your correspondent "M." in the Times of the 6th, states that the "fair valuation will show that the net income from the productive property of the City of New-York equals but a small per centage upon its actual value, notwithstanding all the cost upon its fair valuation." I do not suppose that this communication will enlighten M., but it may come where of your readers, as to the cause of this. It must be apparent to every one that the per centage of net income will depend entirely upon the "*fair valuation*." Simply to show how this fair valuation is made, and its effects on both owners and renters, is my present object. For the last *few* years I have occupied a house in the upper part of this City. It is one of a block which was erected in the year 1840, at a cost by average for house and lot, of $4,200. At its completion it was leased for two years at $380 per year—a fair rate on its cost—yielding the owner seven per cent. net income. At the expiration of the lease a three years' renewal was solicited at the same rate; there having been nothing expended on the house or lot in the interim, the tenant very naturally supposed it to be worth no more than before. But the owner said "No," he "couldn't think of such a thing." He had "been offered $5,500 for the house, and it was well worth that sum," and in short, that at the old rate it was not paying six per cent. on a "fair valuation." Now the truth was that a dealer in "big town" lots had offered him five lots which he was asking $1,100 each for, although they cost but $600 the year previous, and dear at that, for one of the houses. Of course my landlord had not accepted the offer, as the lots, at his "fair valuation," were not worth what the house and lot I occupy originally cost. But it was a good enough reason for his advancing the rent, which at his idea of a fair rate on the valuation should be $550 per year. Rather, however, than lose a good tenant, he consented as a great favor to renew the lease for three years at $500, which amount netted him four ten per cent. on cost value, though but "little over six per cent. on his "*fair valuation*." Before the expiration of this second term the owner had traded off the whole block in exchange for some other property, principally vacant lots in the suburbs. In this trade the houses were estimated worth $7,000, as they were paying a rental equivalent to seven per cent. on that sum. The lots traded for I know nothing about, but the presumption is that they were at a correspondingly advanced rate; after the manner of that sage boy, doubtless, a real estate speculator in embryo, who sold his dog for $50, and took two puppies in payment at $25 apiece.

With the advent of our new owner came quite a renovation. Gas and some other conveniences were introduced, and the house painted, at, however, a most unheard of cost, if what the new owner says is true. The rent has always kept pace with the new owner's exalted opinion of the "fair valuation," and for the coming year is fixed at the reasonable rate of $700—a sum, in the opinion of the owner, and in the language of "M.," "scarcely exceeding six per cent. on a fair valuation." Precisely what the present owner's valuation is I do not know, but believe it to be from $7,500 to $8,000; this, Messrs. Editors, I do know, that the whole amount expended on the property for actual additions to its value, since the erection of the house, should not exceed $300, which, with $4,200, the original cost, makes the actual cost near $4,500. Those occupying the other houses in the block, and I might with safety say three-fourths of all who rent dwellings in and around New-York, need have no doubt but that they are paying the owners a net income of from 12 to 15 per cent. on the actual cost of the premises they occupy, however much owners may be in doubt of their property paying them scarcely exceeding six per cent. on a *fair* valuation. Oh! but says, or would say, such as your correspondent "M." "the intrinsic value of property in our City has much increased during the past few years, and the increased value of the lot alone on which the house stands that you occupy must be very considerable." Yes, I reply, the "fair valuation" of lots such as the one referred to is now considered to be from $3,500 to $5,000, whereas eight years ago they were not thought cheap when sold for $1,000. But does this estimate of value have any other origin than the rate of income derived from the improved lots in the vicinity? Because a house renting ——dollars, on a lot of this character brings $700 rent, therefore the lots are worth so much. And reasoning round in a circle, because the lots are worth so much, and it costs —— dollars to build a house such as that I occupy, therefore the rent should be not $700 but $750. Thus advancing from year to year is a sort of arithmetical progression. Who can tell where it will end? T. R. S.

Post-Office Mismanagement.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Permit me to make a few remarks through your journal, on our present Post-Office Department, as I am one of the many who suffer, and have suffered from its mismanagement. Being in New-Brunswick, N. J., during the past month, I visited the Post-Office in that place twice a day, in expectation of letters from New-York. On the 20th ult. I received two, and on looking at the post-marks, I found them dated New-York, Jan. 25; so that after all, I have come to the conclusion that this is not the lightning age, when it takes five days to transmit a letter the distance of thirty miles. It put me in mind of the old slow coaches of days gone by, but even these would beat that sort of traveling. I think, though, it is not the fault of the "iron horse" of the present day, but rather the fault of a set of careless officials, who seem to belong to the days of slow coaches. On arriving here on the 1st inst., I learned that a letter, (and an important one,) had been sent to me on the 20th ult., and was posted time enough for the evening mail, which arrives there at 7½ o'clock; and although I called regularly up to the evening of the 31st, I did not get it.

While in New Brunswick, I saw a letter delivered to a person named JAMES KERNY, and on looking at the direction, found that it was addressed to one ANDREW KEINLE, Market-street, Newark—the direction being in a plain, legible hand. Now I ask, Mr. Editor, who is to blame for all this irregularity? To whom shall we look for redress in such cases? The country office throws the blame on the City, and the City on the country; so it is, from one to the other. We may boast of being the smartest people in creation, but so far as our Post-Offices are concerned, we are most assuredly behind time. J. R. M'S.

MARKET REPORTS.

Wednesday, Monday, Saturday reported for the N. Y. Daily Times.

SATURDAY, Feb. 10—6 P. M.

ASHES—Pots were sold of 250 bbls. Pots, at $6 88 —6 ctslns. Pearls are still and nominal. The inspection Warehouse continued, this morning, 361 bbls. Pearls, and 494 bbls. Pots—in all, 855 bbls.

COFFEE—Has not varied. The sales of the day were 1,000 Rio, Jan., at 13½c., 1,000 bags Rio, at 13½c., (and 150 M. Portland, at 9c., cash, 8 p.

COTTON—Is less active and dearer, before. The sales are only 1,000 bales here and in Jersey, within our revised range.

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FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western brands are rather depressed, but are not lower. The supplies are moderate, as is therefore the general demand. The day's sales are of 5,200 bbls. We quote:

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AUCTION NOTICE—PUBLIC SALE OF BOOKS AND LIBRARY CHOICE BOOKS.—Will be sold at auction, by order of Messrs. Ticknor and Fields, the following Library and Choice Books, from the 1st day of May, 1855, will be sold at public auction, at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 28th day of March, 1855, at 7 o'clock, P. M.—MAP AND PLAN OF VIZ.

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2. East side of Pier No. 18, and half of bulkhead adjoining; foot of Oak-st.
3. West side of Pier No. 19, including half of the end, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 19 and 20; foot of Pike-st.
4. East side of Pier No. 20, including half of the end, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 20 and 21; foot of Jackson-st.
5. West side of Pier No. 21, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 21 and 22; foot of Market-st.
6. East side of Pier No. 22, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 22 and 23; foot of Catharine-st.
7. One bulkhead and forty-one feet, six inches, on East side of Pier No. 23, and one and one-half feet of Rear-st.
8. East side of Pier No. 23, and West side of No. 24, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 23 and 24; foot of Peck-slip.
9. East side of Pier No. 24, with whole end of said pier.
10. West side of Pier No. 25, and bulkhead to Ferry; foot of Market-st.
11. East side of Pier No. 25, and bulkhead between Nos. 25 and 26, including half the portion reserved in the City for the bulkhead, foot of Jackson-st.
12. West side of Pier No. 26, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 26 and 27; foot of Fulton-st.
13. East side of Pier No. 27, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 27 and 28; foot of Beekman-st.
14. West side of Pier No. 28, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 28 and 29; foot of Gouverneur-st.
15. East side of Pier No. 29, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 29 and 30; foot of Dover-st.
16. West side of Pier No. 30, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 30 and 31; foot of Cherry-st.
17. East side of Pier No. 31, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 31 and 32; foot of Market-st.
18. West side of Pier No. 32, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 32 and 33; foot of Jackson-st.
19. East side of Pier No. 33, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 33 and 34; foot of Rutgers-st.
20. West side of Pier No. 34, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 34 and 35; foot of Division-st.
21. East side of Pier No. 35, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 35 and 36; foot of Grand-st.
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23. Bulkhead foot of and along the north side of Rivington-st., and to within 50 feet of pier between Stanton and Houston-sts.
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25. Partition side of pier between Stanton and Rivington-sts.; the north side of pier, foot of Stanton-st.
26. Bulkhead foot of 2d-st.
27. Pier, foot of 2d-st.
28. Pier, foot of 3d-st.
29. Pier, foot of 4th-st.
30. Pier, foot of 5th-st.
31. Pier, foot of 6th-st.
32. Pier, foot of Bedford.
33. Pier, foot of Berry.

NORTH RIVER.

34. Pier, foot of Rector-st.
35. West side of Pier No. 1, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 1 and 2; foot of Albany-st.
36. West half of Pier No. 2, and East half of Pier No. 3, now occupied by Vanderbilt Steamship Company; foot of Albany-st.
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39. North half of Pier No. 4, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 4 and 5; foot of Desbrosses-st.
40. Bulkhead between Piers Nos. 21 and 22, foot of Tuttle and Fulton-sts.
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42. North half and East of Pier No. 22, foot of Warren-st.; formerly N. E. Mail Steamship Company.
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48. South half of Pier No. 26, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 26 and 27; foot of Chambers-st.
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72. Pier No. 43, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 43 and 44; foot of Barrow-st.
73. Pier No. 44, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 44 and 45; foot of Jones-st.
74. Pier No. 45, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 45 and 46; foot of Christopher-st.
75. West side of Pier No. 46, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 46 and 47; foot of Gansevoort-st.
76. East side of Pier No. 46, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 46 and 47; foot of Gansevoort-st.
77. One bulkhead and half of bulkhead between Nos. 47 and 48; foot of Horatio-st.
78. West side of Pier No. 48, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 48 and 49; foot of Bethune-st.
79. East side of Pier No. 48, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 48 and 49; foot of Bethune-st.
80. West side of Pier No. 49, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 49 and 50; foot of Jane-st.
81. East side of Pier No. 49, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 49 and 50; foot of Jane-st.
82. West side of Pier No. 50, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 50 and 51; foot of Bethune-st.
83. East side of Pier No. 50, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 50 and 51; foot of Bethune-st.
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90. Pier No.

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NEW-YORK CITY.

The Weather.

The weather still continues moderately cold. Thermometers of the past three days has had no visible effect upon the snow, and the streets are still in an excellent condition for sleighing. Sleighriding is the order of the day, and night too, and nothing but the sleigh and bobbed, no matter how rustic, jumper, sleigh and bobbed, no matter how equivocal may be their appearance, are chartered by the eager candidates for sleigh-rides. Sleigh-riding parties, of scores sometimes, to the neighboring villages, are to be seen starting every afternoon, and everybody is making efforts to get the most of the enjoyment in the good time come.

The East and North River were full of drift ice yesterday. All the vessels that came up from sea were brought up by steam-tugs.

At Tompkinsville the ice is fast across to the Long Island shore, which will account for there being no arrivals by way of the Sound.

Imprisonment of Girls from Houses of Prostitution.

On Saturday last a young girl from Switzerland made her way into the Mayor's office, and preferred a complaint against a German as a notorious "procurer" for houses of ill-fame in this City.

It appears from the statement of this young girl, that she came to this country about one year since, with about $600 in her possession, and was taken to an emigrant boarding-house in Greenwich-street, where she was robbed of $600 the first night she slept in the house, by some person who broke into her room. The next day she discovered her loss, but was unable, from the fact of her being a stranger in the City, to procure any clue to the robber. She left and went to another emigrant boarding-house the same day, and was there robbed of the balance of her money that night by some person who had watched her. Thrown thus upon the charities of a strange City without a cent in her pocket, she, after some days, succeeded in procuring a situation as waiter in a lager bier saloon, where she was married to a young German, with whom she has lived until the past three or four weeks, when he was arrested and sent to Blackwell's Island, on a charge of larceny. This individual, the accused, being an acquaintance of her husband, and apparently taking a great interest in her welfare, induced her to put implicit confidence in him, and to let him have a portion of her husband's clothing to "take charge of." He knowing her to be in destitute circumstances, offered to procure her a good situation in a German family, and accordingly took her to a house of ill-fame at No. 19 Frankfort-street, kept by a man named Wilbeck, who immediately engaged her as a servant. She staid in this house but one night, when she discovered its real character, and left the next morning. A few days after she met this same man, and told him about the house, who pretended to be ignorant of its real character, and to feel sorry for taking her there. He then offered to get her another place, which offer she accepted, when he got her clothes, and took her to No. 100 Church-street, another notorious house of prostitution, kept by Christian Hermans, who took her in and paid the man $2 for his trouble. The girl, supposing all right, allowed her baggage to be taken from the house. Before finishing her dinner, she discovered the character of the house, and it immediately, without having taken sufficient notice of its exterior, or its number. She subsequently got a situation in Pearl-street, but was unable to go to it, having no clothes to wear. On looking for the house in Church-street she was unable to find it, as her child gave her a description of it, neither could she tell the name of the proprietor or person who took her there, other than as Charlie, as she had heard him called. Saturday morning, she, however, again met this Charlie, to whom she related what had happened, when he readily offered to go with her and procure her baggage. Arriving at the house described, the proprietor refused to give up her baggage until she paid $2 50, which he said she owed him for board. Charlie seeing that there was likely to be some difficulty, cleared out and left the girl. He has not yet been arrested.

Christian Hermans, however, the keeper of the house of prostitution, was yesterday brought before the Mayor, and made his affidavit, the material part of which was as follows: He acknowledges that he is the keeper of a house of ill-fame at No. 100 Church-street; that the girl Mary Windur was brought there by Charles Reinhart for the purpose of prostitution. He says that shortly afterwards the girl left the house, and that he has not seen her since. It is stated on good authority that the gangs of vulgar ruffians who supply houses of prostitution with victims, make from $2 to $5 on each girl they succeed in ruining. The price is graded by the beauty of the girl. If good-looking, $2; fair-looking, $3; handsome, $4; very handsome, $5. Thus these poor girls are forced into lives of misery, and there remains until disease damns their constitutions, when some of them are fortunate enough to get a home in Ward's Island hospital. These wrecked ones have an active representation in the Board of Emigration, who will probably aid the Mayor in whipping the scoundrels who effect their ruin out of town.

Violent Assault at the Old City Hall.

On Saturday afternoon a poor laborer, who was earning a few shillings per day by working at the old City Hall, was treated in the most cruel manner by one of the individuals who act as overseers by direction of the Commissioners of Repairs and Supplies. It seems the laborer was told to ascend the ladder with his pickaxe and dig off the bricks and mortar. The poor man obeyed the order, and finding he was endangering his life, immediately descended to free frame, and the overseer was at once called in to discharge him from any further employment on the job. The workman made some reply to the boss, which resulted in his (the laborer) receiving a severe beating about the head and eyes at the hands of MYERS, the overseer. The gang of "bosses" at once assembled, and surrounded in a "ring" the injured man "locked up" in the Tombs, and the overseer was discharged by Judge BENNAN, who was grossly imposed upon by his "friends" making erroneous statements. Shortly after, information of the outrage was received at the Police Court by Justice CONNOLLY, who forthwith dispatched the wounded man from his cell, and arraigned the offender before him, to await a further investigation in regard to the matter. Meanwhile, Justice BENNAN explained his position in the case, and the acting magistrate ordered the violent boss to give bonds in the sum of $300 to answer at the Court of General Session.

City Mortality.

The report of the interments for the week ending Saturday last shows the mortality of the City during this time to have been 485, viz.: 74 men, 85 women, 189 boys, and 141 girls—a decrease of 26 on the report of the week previous. From Consumption 47 are reported; bronchitis, 15; inflammation of the lungs, 31; other inflammatory diseases, 20; congestion of the lungs, 11; apoplexy, 10; disease of the heart, 20; dysentery, 9; dropsy in the head, 24; typhoid fever, 32; and congestion of the brain, 6. Among the deaths by diseases incident to children, 4 are from cholera infantum; 39 from convulsions; 12 from croup; 41 from debility; 31 from scarlet fever; 7 from whooping cough; and 7 from measles; 11 premature births; and 26 cases of stillborn are reported. There were six deaths from violent causes.

Accident to the U. S. Revenue Barge.

THOS. W. SPRAGUE being in charge of Officer LEMAN, when about to board the ship Zelia, from Rangoon, in the East River, was caught in some manner under the ship's bow, and but for the timely aid rendered by the Captain of the steamtug Jacob Bell, who had the ship in tow, a serious accident, perhaps, would have been the result. As it will be seen, it was but little injured, some of the bottom planking was sprung, and others in the rigging of the vessel. They were all injured, and are particularly anxious to return to the Captain of the tug Jacob Bell, as every thanks for his very timely assistance in saving them from a worse fate. The injured men were taken to their homes.

Shooting by a Female.

We have received a communication from a clergyman of this City, stating that a woman, very respectable in dress and manner, has called on several clergymen, to solicit their services at the funeral of a sister or other relative. Before leaving, she, in her assumed grief, represents that she has need of two dollars more than she possesses to defray the expenses of the occasion, her means having been exhausted by the long illness of her friend. In some instances sympathy has been touched and the money loaned.

The clergyman goes at the time specified, and finds, instead of a funeral, that he has been subject to imposition.

The same person is now practicing the same fraud, with the necessary variations, on laymen. She has been previously exposed.

A Sleigh-Riding Accident.

A serious sleigh-riding accident occurred in Broadway on Friday evening last, which resulted in two well known gentlemen receiving severe injuries. It appears that about 6 o'clock, LEVI S. CHATFIELD, Esq., and HIRAM BARNEY got on to a Fourth-avenue sleigh to ride home. The sleigh was full and they stood upon the outside guard. Mr. BARNEY remarked that he thought they were in danger of collision with other sleighs, but Mr. CHATFIELD thought not, and they remained there. They had not advanced a block before one of KIPP & BROWN's sleighs, drawn by eight horses, dashed against the sleigh on which they stood, struck Mr. CHATFIELD in the stomach, laying him senseless and almost lifeless in the snow, and struck Mr. BARNEY in the shoulder, dislocating it, bruising him severely though not seriously.

Both were taken home in a carriage as soon as possible. When Mr. BARNEY attempted to pull off his overcoat, the effort set his shoulder again, and he is now doing well. Mr. CHATFIELD is lying in a very critical condition.

Assaulting a Police Judge.

On Saturday morning, a young man named EDWARD GOODLIFF was brought before Justice CONNOLLY, at the Tombs, on complaint of Justice BRENNAN, who charges him with assault and battery. It appears that the Justice was at the fire in Fulton-street Friday night, assisting to put it out, &c., when GOODLIFF interfered with him and used abusive language, seeming particularly desirous to give the Justice a drubbing, alleging that he owed him one, &c. The latter informed him that he must be mistaken in his man, that he did not know who he was, and had never seen him before, to his knowledge. The Englishman insisted that he did know him, and struck him several blows in the face, as it is alleged, whereupon he was arrested and locked up in the Second Ward Station-house, and from thence brought before Justice CONNOLLY, yesterday morning, who held him to bail in the sum of $300, and in default thereof fully committed him.

More "Confidence" Robberies.

During the present hard times a number of "confidence" swindlers have made several speculations upon various countrymen. On Saturday morning a gentleman named SAMUEL GOODWIN, residing at No. 263 Spring-street, came to the office of the Chief of Police and preferred a charge against an old swindler who victimized him to the tune of $50 by the "confidence" operation. The rogue accosted GOODWIN in Grand-street, and by claiming an acquaintanceship, the dupe requested his company home, where he was robbed of the above amount. The villain was fully described to the authorities, and as he is known by the Police they will probably arrest him.

Fires in Sixth-avenue.

At 10½ o'clock on Saturday night a fire broke out in premises No. 550 Sixth-avenue, owned by Mr. THOMAS LAWRENCE, and occupied by Messrs. DUBERRE & GANTHER, on the first floor as a hat and cap store, and in the upper part as a dwelling. The building—a frame one—was damaged to the amount of about $500, and is fully insured. The stock in the store is insured for $1,150 in the Brooklyn Fire Insurance Company. The furniture in the dwelling is insured for $1,000 in the United States Fire Insurance Company. The losses are covered by insurance.

Fire in Greenwich-street.

Building, No. 279 Greenwich-street, occupied as a clothing store, was slightly damaged by fire at 9½ o'clock last night.

Presbytery of New-York.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of New York (O. S.) will be held at the Mission House, corner of Centre and Reade streets, to-day, at 12 M. The subject of securing a house of worship for the colored people will be considered.

☞ The friends of Rev. Dr. PENNINGTON, pastor of the Colored Congregation in Prince-street, hold a festival for his benefit in the vestry of the Tabernacle Friday evening. It was a very pleasing occasion, and a well-merited tribute to the reverend gentleman for whose benefit it was.

☞ We take much pleasure, on assurances from literary friends in whose good judgment we have every confidence, in referring to the card in another column of Professor E. CHAZELINE, proposing a course of six lectures on the History and Literature of France, in the French language.

☞ The Ladies of the "Fourth Ward Industrial School" acknowledge with feelings of gratitude the receipt, on the 8th inst., of the generous gift of 71 pairs of shoes from the shoe establishment of Messrs. HOWES, HYATT & Co., No. 55 Nassau-street.

J. E. GRAY, Secretary.

☞ The City yesterday wore an air of unusual quiet; nearly all the liquor shops, large and small, were closed, and as a consequence, but few arrests were made.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT—EXTRAORDINARY CURE OF RHEUMATISM.—Mr. BROWN, residing near Twenty-seventh-street, Third-avenue, had been laid up two Winters with rheumatism, but was cured in three weeks by these celebrated medicines. None need suffer from this complaint if they freely use these excellent remedies. Sold at the manufactories, Nos. 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and 244 Strand, London, and by all Druggists, at 37c., 62c., and $1 per pot or box.

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TEAS.—The best assortment of Fine Teas will be found at the Canton Tea Company's newly erected and elegant store, No. 125 Chatham-street, (between Pearl and Roosevelt-streets,) the oldest Tea establishment in the City. We assure our readers they can do better here than elsewhere, either at wholesale or retail.

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$5 BOOK-KEEPING.—We advise all who wish to become practical Book-keepers to join DOLBEAR'S $5 class, No. 609 Broadway, and learn Double Entry from a practical accountant. In this course students are prepared for business in a very short time.

LONG ISLAND.

A River Thief Shot.

At an early hour on Friday morning a band of river thieves boarded the brig *Wasp*, Captain SMITH, lying at the foot of Jay-street, Brooklyn, and proceeded to the cabin, where they made so much noise as to arouse the Captain, who upon ascertaining their presence, took a pistol from near his berth and fired. The thieves left precipitately. The report of the pistol called the attention of Officer MCCONNELL, of the Second District Police, who happened in capturing one of the gang, who gave his name as John Johnson, under circumstances of doubtful character, and upon conveying him to the station-house and examining his person, it appeared that the ball from Captain SMITH's pistol had lodged in his right arm, above the elbow, indicating a severe wound. Mr. MCMANUS was called in, but was unable to extract the ball.

In the afternoon, JOHNSON was brought before Justice DANIEL E. SPRAGUE, when he waived his right to an examination and was accordingly committed to prison to await the action of the Grand Jury. The prisoner is evidently one of the notorious gang that has infested these waters for a long time.

Affairs at the Navy-Yard.

The severity of the weather and the depth of the winter rendered matters dull at the Navy-Yard. The frigate *Sabine*, which was launched a few days ago, is still at the wharf to which the steamboat towed her, frozen in by the consolidation of the drift ice which accumulated round her. A few mechanics are at work on her inside, but her coppering and rigging will have to wait for milder weather.

The new steam frigate, being under cover, is rapidly progressing. Over 270 ship carpenters, &c., are employed on her; and we are informed that she will be completed in as short a time as if she had been built at any ship yard in New-York or Brooklyn. This can rarely be said in matters where Government is concerned.

Brooklyn Soup Association.

The number of families receiving support from this institution amounts to 1,163, comprising 5,233 men, women and children. We learn that up to Saturday the amount of cash received by the Treasurer was $1,300 74, in addition to which considerable quantities of provisions, &c., have been contributed by various individuals.

Relief for the Poor.

Mayor HALL and a number of the most influential citizens of Brooklyn have called a public meeting to raise funds for the relief of the poor, on Tuesday (to-morrow) evening, in the Supreme Court-room, City Hall, Brooklyn.

☞ Professor GEO. BUSH is to lecture on Tuesday evening at the Atheneum, Brooklyn.

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Examination of the Public Schools.

The annual examination of the Public Schools will commence this morning at 9 o'clock, in the male department of School No. 1, in York-street. Nearly the entire week will be devoted to the examination of the schools—to-day and to-morrow to School No. 1, and the remainder of the time to No. 2 and the primary schools.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, by Rev. Harvey D. Gaage, CHARLES D. THROCKMORTON, of this City, to MARY A., daughter of Daniel H. Ellis, Esq., of Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.

DIED.

In this City, on Sunday evening, Feb. 11, of scarlet fever, HELEN, daughter of Charles E. and Rosa Bartlett, aged 3 years and 4 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to her funeral, at Trinity Church, on Monday, at 2½ o'clock P. M., precisely.

In this City, on Saturday, Feb. 10, of consumption, CHARLES HENRY DARLING.

The relatives, friends and acquaintances of the deceased and of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from No. 142 McDougal-st., corner of Amity, on Monday, 12th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

On Friday, Feb. 9, Capt. GEORGE B. COFFIN, in the 70th year of his age.

His remains were taken to Hudson, for interment.

In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 11, ARABELLA TRAILS, wife of George D. Trails, in the 24th year of her age.

The friends of her family, and also those of her husband, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday, 13th inst., at 1 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 152 West-12th-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood, for interment.

In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 11, of consumption, CORNELIA, wife of William Crowell, in the 41st year of her age.

The friends of her family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday, 13th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., at No. 336 6th-av., without further invitation.

In this City, on Sunday, morning, Feb. 11, at 10 o'clock, after a lingering illness, SAMUEL PALMER, in the 15th year of his age.

His friends are requested to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 148 West-st., this (Monday) afternoon, Feb. 12, at 2 o'clock.

In this City, on Sunday, evening, Feb. 11, ROBERT M., third child of James and Isabella King, aged 11 years, 6 months and 4 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, on Monday afternoon, Feb. 12, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 152 Bridge-st.

In Brooklyn, on Sunday, Feb. 11, FANNY EDGAR SOMERVILLE, in the 11th year of her age.

Her funeral services will take place at the residence of her father, Dr. Somerville, No. 1 Pierrepont-place, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M. The remains will be taken to Tarrytown, Westchester Co., on Wednesday morning, for interment.

At Hoboken, on Sunday afternoon, after a short but severe illness, ANN, wife of John Ireland, in the 46th year of her age.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 1 Harrison-st., on Tuesday afternoon, at 2½ o'clock, without further invitation.

At Mount Vernon, Westchester Co., N. Y., on Saturday, Feb. 10, Mrs. MARIA VAN WAGENEN, relict of the late Rev. Jacob Van Wagenen, and daughter of the late James Quackenboss, in the 62d year of her age.

Her friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock, from the house of her son-in-law, John M. Carnell, 7th-st., near 2d-st., Mount Vernon, without further invitation.

In Morris Co., on Saturday, Feb. 10, at his late residence, JOHN H. DICKERSON, eldest son of Hon. Philemon Dickerson, of New-Jersey.

His funeral services will be held in St. Paul's Church, Paterson, on Tuesday next, Feb. 13, at 11 o'clock, to which his friends are invited. A train will leave Jersey City at 9 o'clock A. M., and return from Paterson at 3 o'clock P. M.

At Yonkers, on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Feb. 9, Mr. JOHN WATERSON, aged 68 years.

His funeral will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

☞ The remains of the late Mrs. JOHN GAMBLE will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery, from her residence, 12th-st., near Avenue C, on Tuesday morning, 13th inst., at 10 o'clock, and the friends of the family are invited to attend, without further notice.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets See Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Feb. 19.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '67	117	100	N.Y. Cen. R. R.		89⅞
5,000 U. S. 6s, '68	117	22	do		90
4,000 Virginia 6s	84	41	do		90
1,000 do	84	100	do		90
10,000 do	84	100	do		90
2,000 California 6s, '95	90	100	do		90
1,000 North Carolina 6s	90	100	do		90
2,000 Erie Bds, 1st M.	94	100	do		90
1,000 Erie Bds, 2d M.	77	100	Clev. & Tol. R. R.		90
1,000 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds	91	100	do